



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2022-INFO-21
Date: March 18, 2022

Subject:

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the fourth Quarter of 2021 File: 1.2.7.19

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 Reports on planning activity and how the delegated planning approval authority is used by the Commissioner is presented at the end of every quarter.

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the

Regional Official Plan. If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.

3.2 In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Planning Division received five area municipal official plan amendment applications. All five applications are exempt from Regional approval, as follows:

- In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2021-W/07** proposes a site-specific amendment to facilitate the development of 105 three-storey, stacked townhouse dwelling units. Staff is also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related proposed subdivision SW-2019-01, rezoning application Z-11-19 and Site Plan SP-16-20.
- In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2021-W/08** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the density from 75 units per net hectare (upnh) to 90 upnh to facilitate a plan of subdivision consisting of a block for 98 stacked townhouse units, a block for 125 multiple family residential units, a public park block, 2 open space blocks (floodplain), and 4 road widening blocks. Staff is also reviewing the application in conjunction with a related subdivision application S-W-2021-09 and zoning by-law amendment application Z-16-21.
- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 21-002/P** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the density from 140 upnh to 166 upnh to permit a mixed-use development consisting of two residential towers containing 353 dwelling units and an 8-storey seniors' residence containing 86 dwelling units. Staff is also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning by-law amendment application A 13/21.
- In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2021-04** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the density from 550 uph to 642 uph to permit a mixed-use, 20 storey apartment building containing 241 residential units, 4 grade-related townhouse units, and below grade parking. Staff is also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related proposed rezoning application Z-2021-09.

- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA21-A2** proposes a site-specific amendment to permit two fifty-seven storey mixed use commercial and residential buildings on a 7-storey podium, containing 1,175 residential units with 3,765 m² (40,534 square feet) of commercial space, 24 hotel suites, residential amenities, below and above grade parking. Staff is also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning by-law amendment application Z 4/2021.

4. Commissioner's Review and Approval of Subdivision and Condominium Applications

4.1 The Region is the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Planning Division received two subdivision applications and one plan of condominium application:

- In the Township of Brock, application **S-B-2021-01** proposes 426 residential lots on full municipal services west of Mara Road, and north of Franklin Street, in the Beaverton Urban Area.
- In the Township of Scugog, application **S-S-2021-02** proposes nine residential lots on full private services at the northwest corner of Simcoe Street and King Street, in Port Perry Urban Area.
- In the Township of Uxbridge, application **C-U-2021-01** proposes a 12-unit residential condominium on full municipal services at the northeast corner of Concession Road 6 and Cemetery Road in the Uxbridge Urban Area.

5. Commissioner's Approval of Part-Lot Control Exemption By-laws

5.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for part-lot control exemption by-laws in the three northern Townships. In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Planning Division received one new application:

- Application **D-10-PLCE-Saleville** was approved by the Commissioner to facilitate the creation of parts 1 to 43 within Block 1 of Plan 40M-2793 located in the Uxbridge Urban Area on the south side of Elgin Park Drive between Toronto Street South and Wooden Sticks Golf Course. The application will facilitate a common-elements plan of condominium (related to subdivision application S-U-2017-02 and draft approved plan of condominium application C-U-2017-02).

6. Region's Review of Planning Applications

6.1 Regional staff review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP), other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division also coordinates comments from other Regional Departments to provide a coordinated response to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
- Select minor variance applications.

6.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments to the Regional Land Division Committee on consent applications.

6.3 Attachment 1 provides a numeric summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

7. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan

7.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.

7.2 As of December 31, 2021, there were 12 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the fourth quarter of 2021, one new ROPA application was received:

- ROPA **2021-008**, by Maltheb Farms 2000 Ltd. to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm located in Township of Scugog (Lot 12 &13, Concession 7).

8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal

8.1 The fourth quarter of 2021 saw four additional appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the withdrawal of two consent applications.

8.2 One non-exempt Area Municipal Official Plan amendment application and six consent applications are currently before the OLT (refer to Attachments 3A and 3B).

9. Reserved Street Names

9.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services in order to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. Approved street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. A total of 17 new street names were included on the Region's Reserve Street Name list in the fourth quarter of 2021 (Refer to Attachment 4).

10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications

10.1 The Planning Division coordinates Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting Permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Good Forestry Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's Tree By-law Officer, the applicable area municipality, and conservation authority. During the fourth quarter of 2021, eight new Good Forestry Practice permit applications were received and eight Good Forestry Practice permit applications were issued by the Region's Woodland By-law Officer. The Commissioner approves minor clear-cutting permits, and Council is the approval authority for major clear-cutting permits, (1 hectare or more in size).

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

11.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

12. Attachments

Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications

Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #3A: Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #3b: Land Division Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

Regional Review of Planning Applications – Summary October 1 to December 31, 2021

Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments

Received	5
Commented	1

Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)

Received	12
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	3
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	0

Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)

Received	3
Provided Draft Approval	0
Issued Final Approval	0

Non-Delegated Part Lot Control

Received	1
Commented	1
Approved	1

Zoning By-laws Amendments

Received	21
Commented	8

Consents

Received	44
Commented	51

Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications

Received	8
Issued	8

**Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed, or
before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (as of December 31, 2021)**

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2000-003	2000-273	Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan). Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Clements Rd. connection in the ROP. Planned studies related to development and the widening of Bayly Street will re-examine the connection.
2005-009	SC-2005-66	Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 & 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road. Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Shoal Point Rd. extension, north of Bayly Street in the ROP. Final disposition of this file is pending.
2005-011	SC-2005-68	Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)	To permit two 18-hole golf courses and a resort /conference centre in the Prime Agricultural designation (formerly Permanent Agricultural Reserve). Status: Awaiting further technical studies from the applicant.
2016-003		Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. in between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)	To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor's yard and office in the Major Open Space designation. Status: Application appealed on December 12, 2019. Regional position in opposition to the amendment endorsed by Council on July 29, 2020. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 7, 2021. An OLT

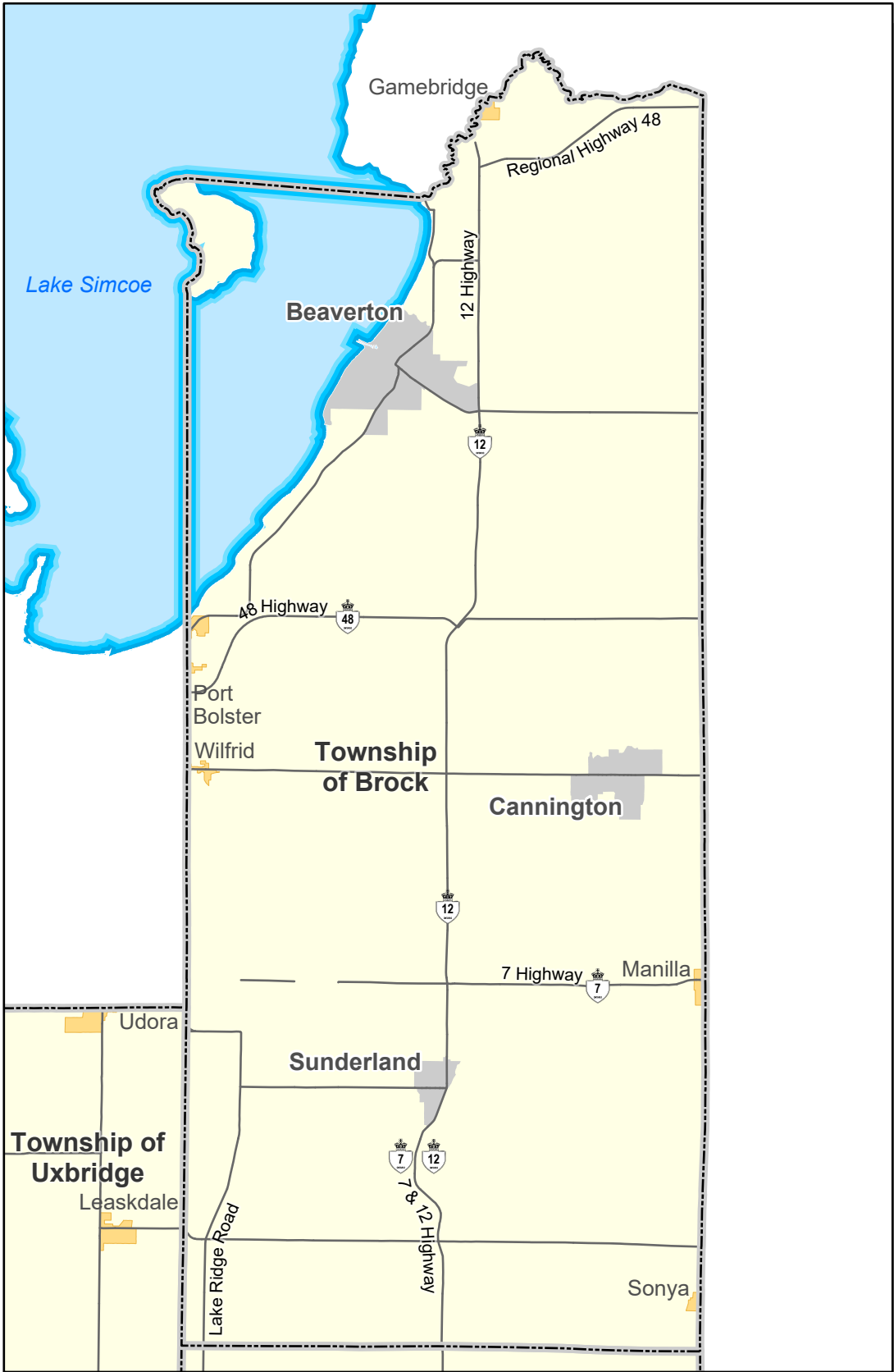
OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
			hearing has been scheduled for April 4, 2022.
2019-006		Werrcroft Farms Ltd. Lot 28, Concession 6, Municipality of Clarington (1785 Concession Road 7)	To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Statutory Public meeting held on June 2, 2020. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2021-002		Sunrise International Investments Inc. Lot 4, Concession 5 City of Pickering (3695 Sideline 4)	To permit the redevelopment of the existing 12-hole golf course to a 9-hole golf course, a clubhouse with banquet facility, golf dome for indoor driving range, and a maintenance structure. Status: Public Information Meeting held on June 1, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2021-003		Region of Durham Various sites in proximity to existing and planned GO Rail stations.	To implement Protected Major Transit Station Area policies and delineations as a component of the Region's municipal comprehensive review. Status: Regionally adopted amendment was submitted to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and approval.
2021-004		Grainboys Holdings Inc. Lot 12, Concession 1, Township of Uxbridge (3469 York Durham Line)	To permit the development of a grain milling and blending facility in the Prime Agricultural Designation (formerly the Natural Linkage Area designation) Status: Council adopted the amendment on November 24, 2021. No appeals were received. Amendment #185 to

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
			the ROP was in full force and effect as of December 17, 2021.
2021-005		Bridgebrook Corp. Lot 33, Con 6, Township of Uxbridge (7370 Centre Road)	To redesignate the subject lands from Special Study Area #6 to Living Areas to facilitate the development of a plan of subdivision. Status: Public meeting was held on September 7 th , 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2021-006		Winchcoron Holdings Limited Lot 30, Con 5, Town of Whitby (605 Winchester Road West)	To develop a golf course expansion Status: Public meeting was held on September 7 th , 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2021-007		Antonius Vissers & Theodora Vissers (Vissers Sod Farm) Municipality of Clarington Lot 18, Concession 4	To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Statutory Public meeting held on September 7, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2021-008		Maltheb Farms 2000 Ltd. Township of Scugog Lot 12 &13, Concession 7	To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Statutory Public meeting scheduled for March 1 st , 2022.



Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

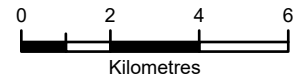
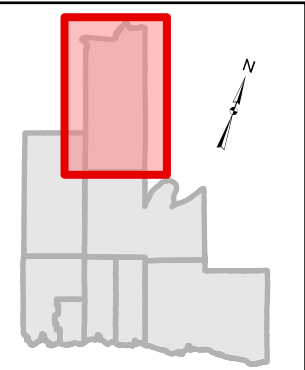
As of December 31, 2021 there are no active ROPA applications in the Township of Brock



ROPA Locations

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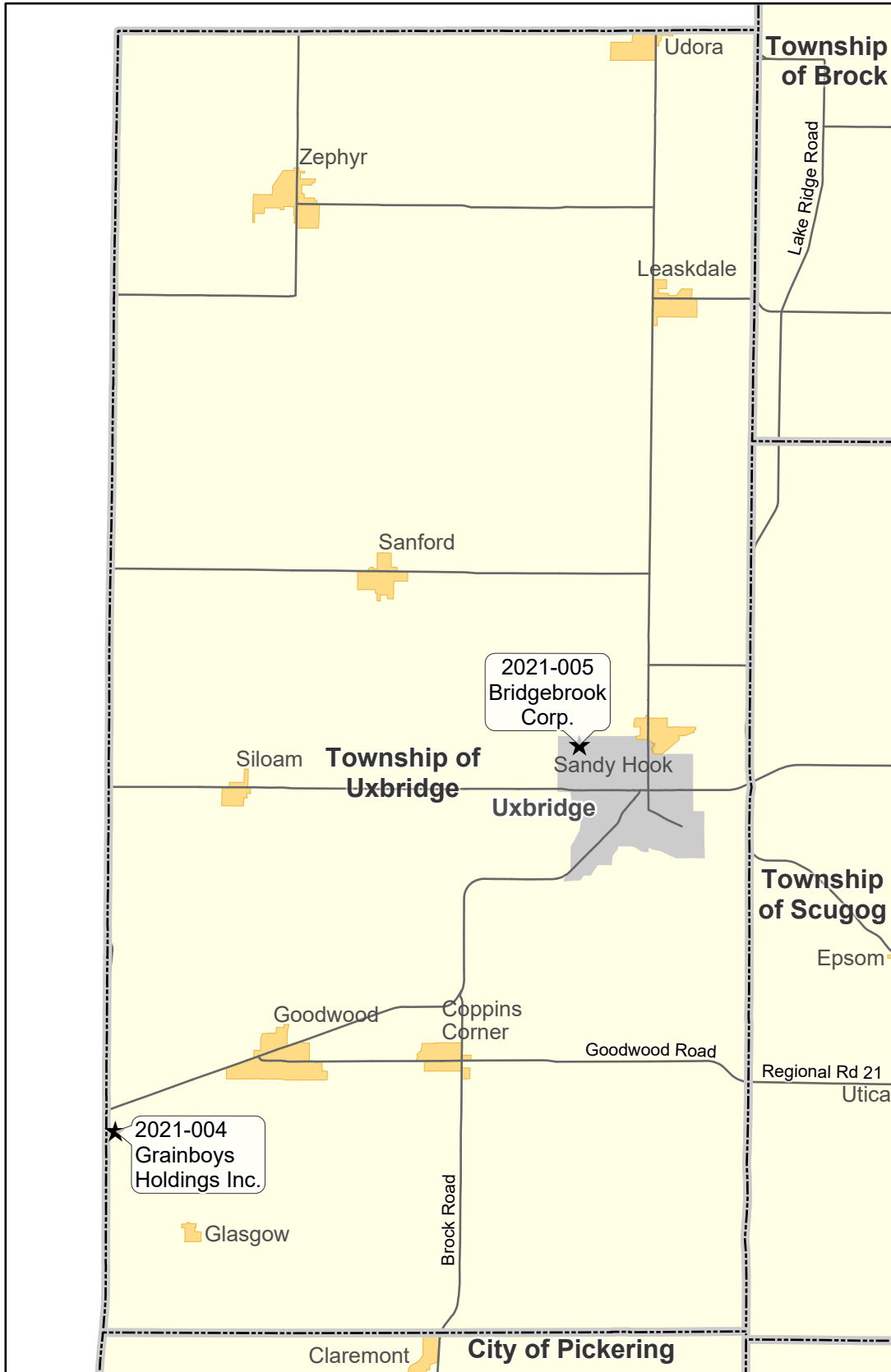
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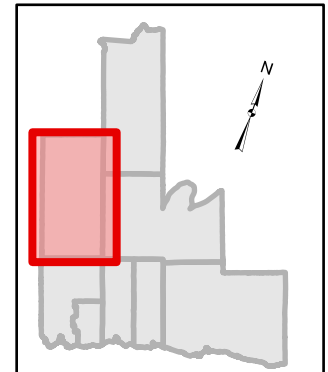
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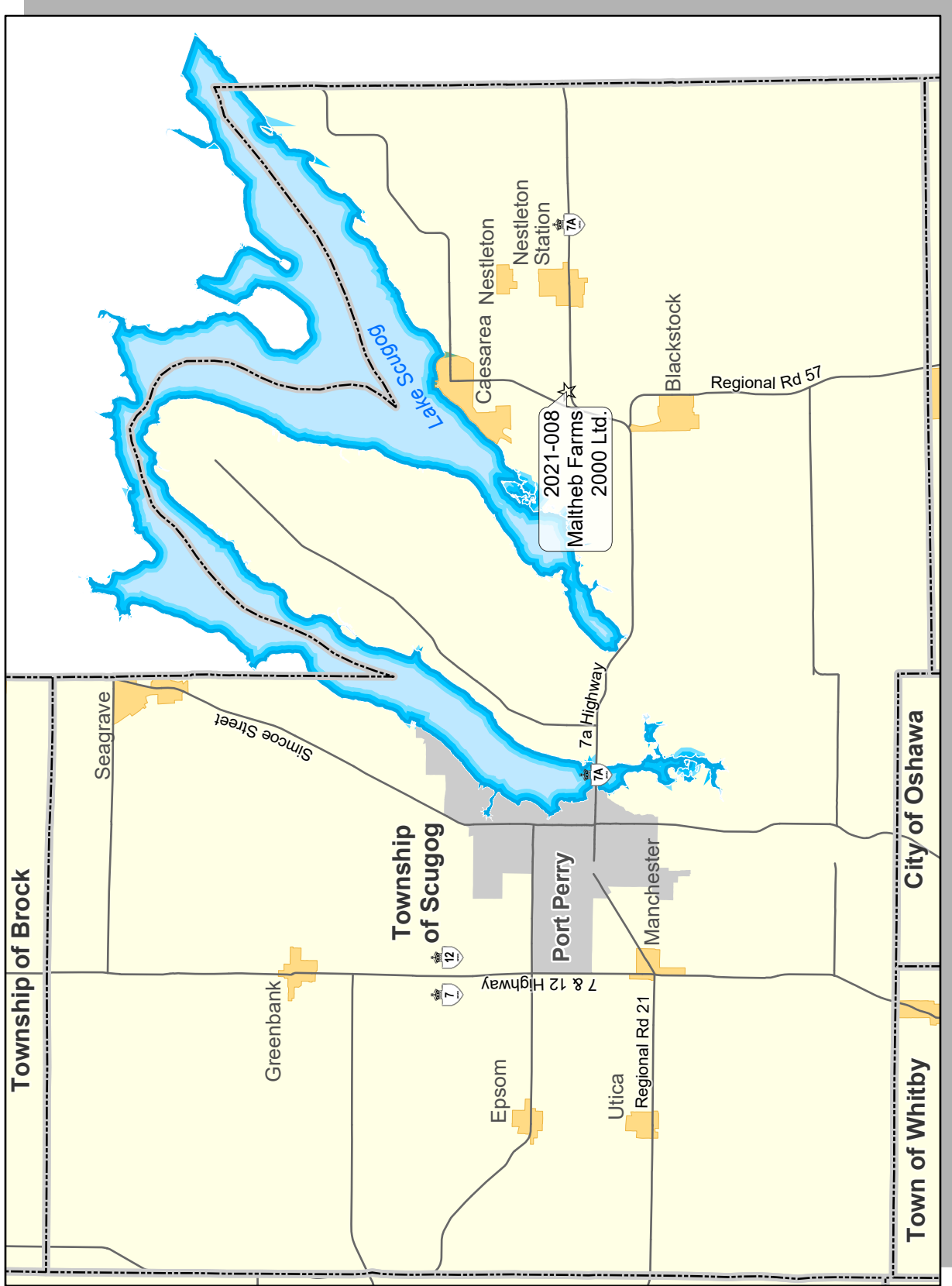




Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Township of Scugog

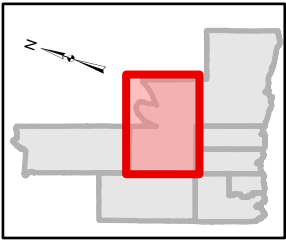
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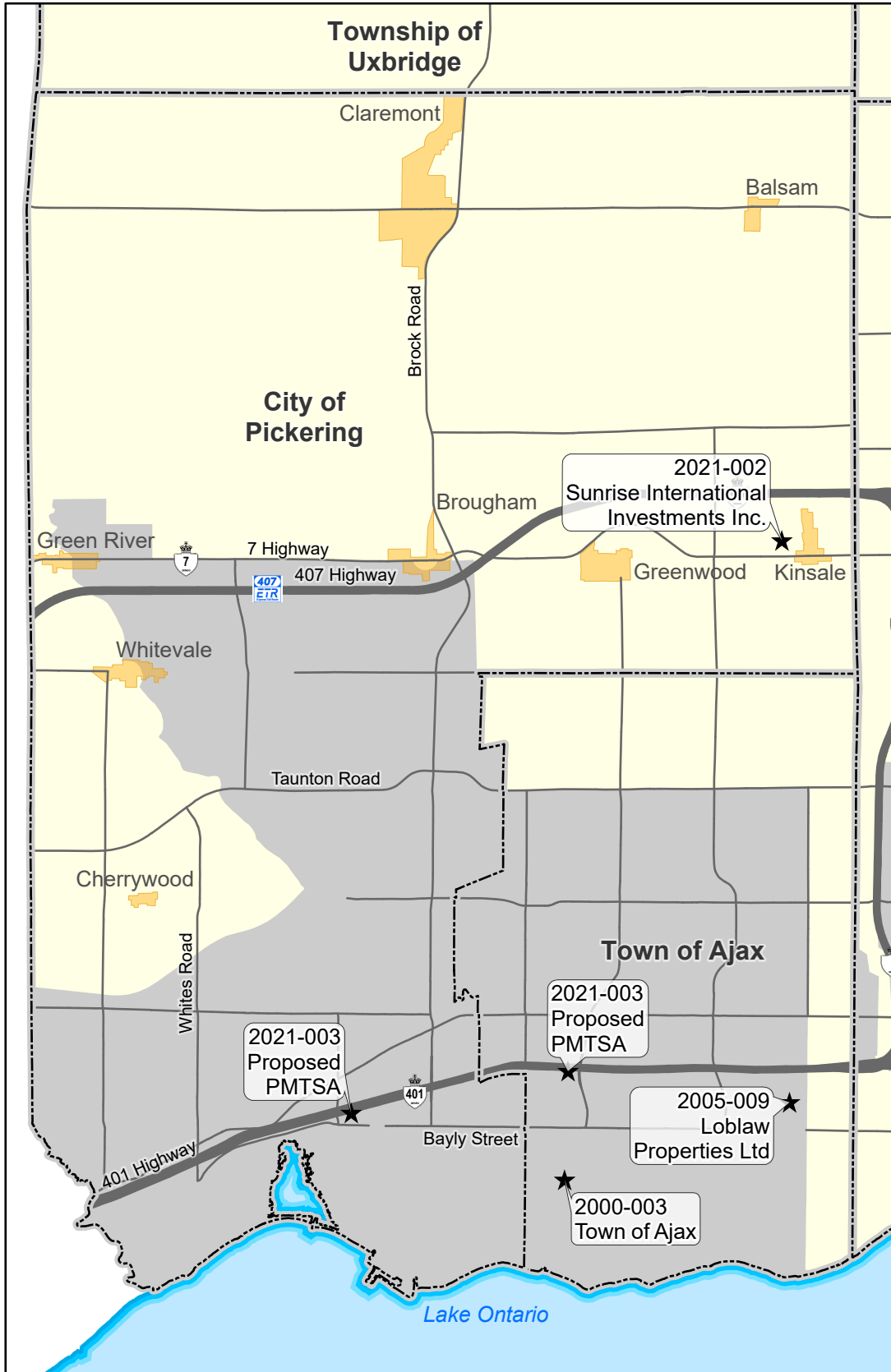
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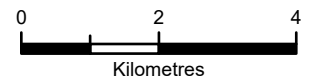
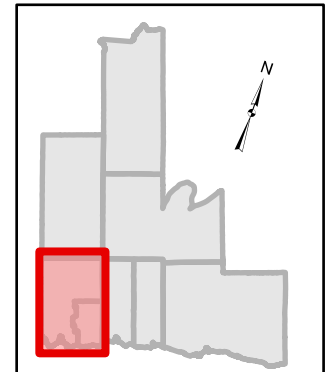
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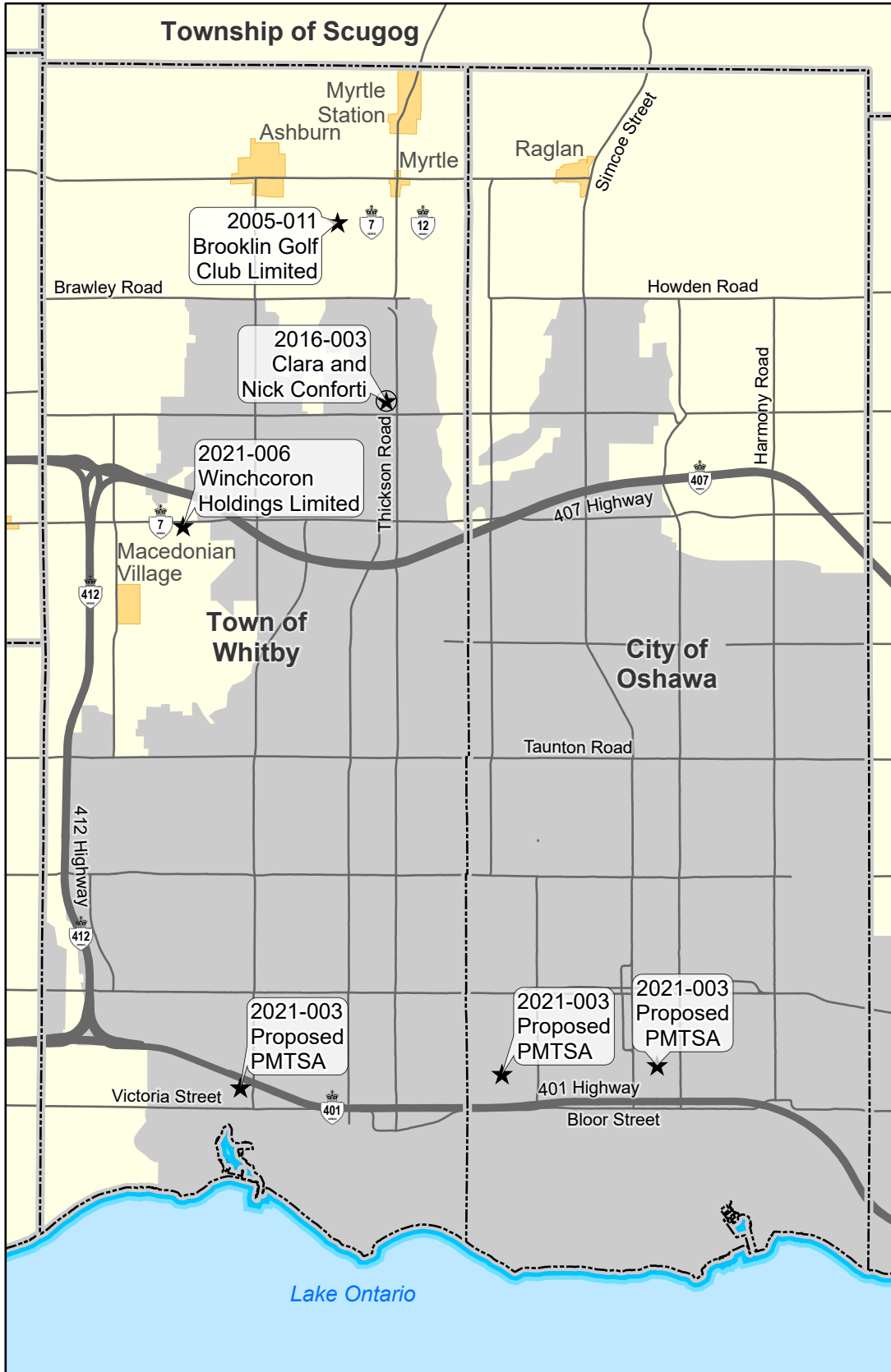
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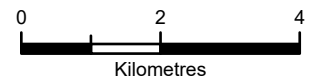
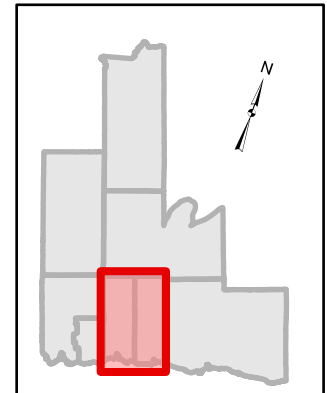
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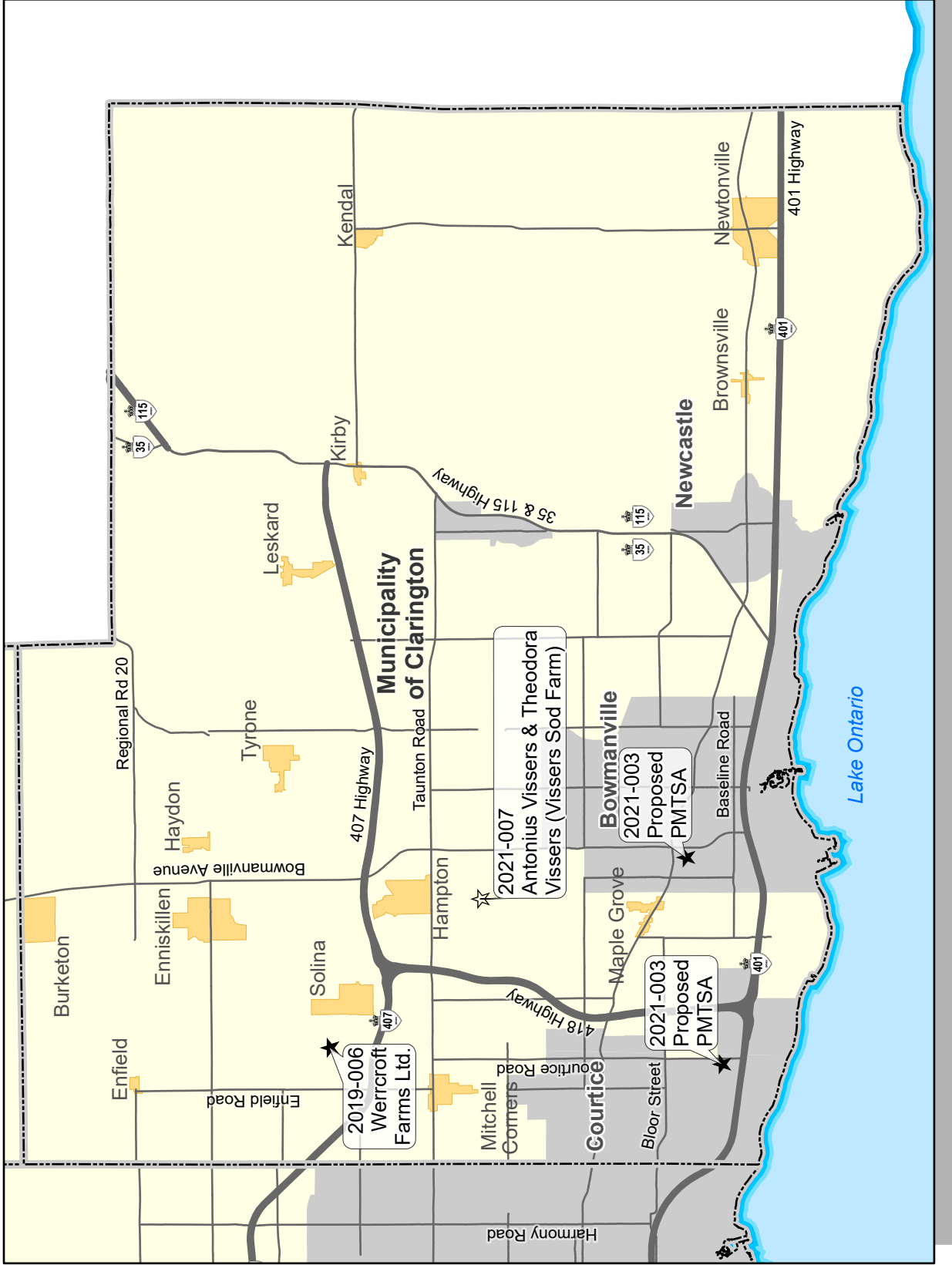




Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Municipality of Clarington

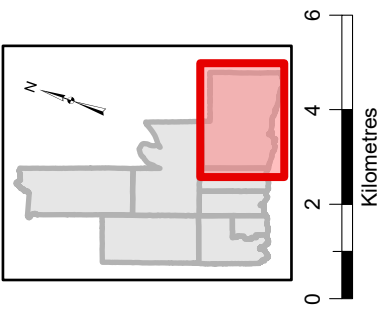
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the
Ontario Land Tribunal (As of December 31, 2021)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA-2016-W/04 PL190638	Optilinx Systems Inc.	Town of Whitby	To legalize an existing contractor's yard and associated uses as well as permit future office uses at 4560 Thickson Road North	Applicant appealed Whitby Council's decision on December 12, 2019. This matter is related to ROPA 2016-003. OLT Case Management Conference was held September 7, 2021. OLT hearing scheduled for April 4, 2022.

**Regional Land Division Committee Applications Currently Before the Ontario
Land Tribunal (as of December 31, 2021)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 004/2019 PL190393	Cindy & Fred Batty	Town of Whitby	To add a vacant 0.18 ha residential parcel of land to east, retaining a 37.71 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on August 12, 2019. Appeal withdrawn on November 8, 2021.
LD 005/2019 PL190393	Cindy & Fred Batty	Town of Whitby	To sever a vacant 11.1 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a 26.5 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns to remain.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on August 12, 2019. Appeal withdrawn on November 8, 2021.
LD 096/2021 OLT-21001526	CP REIT Ontario Properties Limited	Township of Brock	To sever a 5,103 m2 commercial parcel of land with an existing multi-tenant commercial building to remain, retaining a 20,788 m2 commercial parcel of land with an existing grocery store and gas bar to remain.	Applicant appealed the Township of Brock Conditions of Approval on November 24, 2021. Hearing scheduled for February 7, 2022.
LD 097/2021 OLT-21-001452	Wiltshire Eccleston Development Inc.	City of Pickering	To sever a vacant 935.9 m2 residential lot, retaining a vacant 2,801 m2 residential parcel of land.	Applicant appealed the appealing the Land Division Committee's decision to refuse the consent/severance applications.
LD 098/2021 OLT-21-001452	Wiltshire Eccleston Development Inc.	City of Pickering	To sever a vacant 936.3 m2 residential lot, retaining a vacant 1,868.3 m2 residential parcel of land.	Applicant appealed the appealing the Land Division Committee's decision to refuse the consent/severance applications.

LD 099/2021 OLT-21-001452	Wiltshire Eccleston Development Inc.	City of Pickering	To sever a vacant 935 m2 residential lot, retaining a vacant 934.5 m2 residential parcel of land.	Applicant appealed the appealing the Land Division Committee's decision to refuse the consent/ severance applications.
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Summary of Reserved Street Names (October 1 - December 31, 2021)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in Third Quarter of 2021	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		315
Brock	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shale • Bedrock • Dogwood • Lakeside • Hilltop • South Pond • Northgate • Western • Bass • Whitefish • Trout 	45
Clarington	0		655
Oshawa	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Kingsland • Ted Marks • Marshall McConkey • Valentine • Aker • John Aker 	458
Pickering	0		659
Scugog	0		172
Uxbridge	0		153
Whitby	0		386
Total	17		2,843

*At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2022-INFO-22
Date: March 18, 2022

Subject:

Regulatory and policy proposals (Phase 2) under the Conservation Authorities Act, File: L14-45

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On January 26, 2022, the province released an Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting [#019-4610](#) and an associated [Consultation Guide](#) proposing new regulations and policies under the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) related to the mandate of Conservation Authorities (CAs) focused on:
- a. municipal levy provisions and CA budget processes;
 - b. classes of programs and services that the Minister would approve for CAs to charge a fee; and
 - c. transparency of CA operations.
- 1.2 The deadline for comments was February 25, 2022. Given the short commenting period, it was not possible to deliver Council-endorsed comments to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) prior to their deadline. Therefore, Regional comments were provided to the MECP by way of a letter from the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development (see Attachment #1). The

authority for the Commissioner to comment on behalf of the Region is provided under Delegation of Authority By-law 29-2020.

- 1.3 The Commissioner's letter concluded by stating that the comments are those of Regional staff; that we will bring the letter to the attention of Regional Council and will advise if there are any changes as a result. The comments provided are consistent with previous Regional positions on the CA Act.

2. Background

- 2.1 The CA Act was passed in 1946 in response to extensive flooding, erosion, deforestation and soil loss resulting from poor land, water and forestry management practices. The purpose of the Act is to provide for the organization and delivery of programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in watersheds in Ontario. The CA Act has been updated several times, most recently in 2019 and 2020.
- 2.2 The Act sets out "objects" or goals of a CA to deliver prescribed and core mandatory programs and services to ensure that CAs are in the best position possible to deliver on their mandate. These objects also provide CAs with the authority to deliver non-mandatory programs and services, either on a municipality's behalf, or that the CA determines are advisable.
- 2.3 To implement the most recent changes made to the CA Act, the province released regulatory proposals (Phase 1) in May 2021. The Region provided comments on this previous phase of regulations, as outlined within Report [#2021-INFO-82](#). The current ERO posting, and subject of this report, represents Phase 2.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 The following Regional staff reports related to conservation authority matters have been provided to Regional Council in recent years:
 - a. Bill 139, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017, and associated supportive documents, Report [#2017-INFO-79](#)
 - b. Proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations, Report [#2019-P-27](#)
 - c. Durham's Response to Bill 108, Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan, and related Regulatory Proposal Changes, Report [#2019-A-22](#)

- d. Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures) – Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act, Report [#2020-P-26](#)
- e. Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures) – Royal Assent, Report [#2021-INFO-1](#)
- f. Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act, Report [#2021-INFO-82](#)

4. Overview of Regulatory Proposals

Proposed Municipal Levies Regulation

- 4.1 Under the CA Act, CAs have the power to charge participating municipalities for their operating expenses and capital costs, if not funded by other revenue sources. The authority can determine the amount of levy required for expenses/costs and can apportion an amount of the total to each participating municipality. This levy is a debt due to the CA and may be enforced as such. Current cost apportionment methods include:
 - a. modified current property value assessment;
 - b. authority/municipal agreement; and
 - c. apportionment by the authority.
- 4.2 Modified current property value assessment combines the relative modified current property assessment dollars and the relative percentage of municipal jurisdiction within the CAs jurisdiction and creates a percentage of what each municipality is to pay of the total levy amount the CA determines for its annual budget. This approach must be used when apportioning administration costs and may also be used for apportioning maintenance and capital costs of a project, when all participating municipalities are to share these costs.
- 4.3 Alternatively, maintenance costs can be apportioned by agreement between the CA and participating municipalities on what the 'benefit derived' is for each participating municipality related to the maintenance costs where the modified current property assessment value-based method is not considered appropriate. Capital costs may also be apportioned by this method.
- 4.4 A third method is for the CA to decide for itself. This is the method often used for capital projects. The authority decides which participating municipalities should pay and how much each should pay based on benefits derived. This ensures that

municipal support of project capital costs is proportionate to the benefits they receive.

- 4.5 Proposed regulations will apply the long practiced municipal levy processes to the changed municipal levy context by:
- a. Maintaining consistency with current budget and municipal levy processes (i.e., budget, voting, and apportionment methods); and
 - b. using and adapting existing voting and apportionment methods and practices set out in current regulations or provincial policy.
- 4.6 Phase 1 regulations under the CA Act require CAs to group programs and services into Category 1, 2 or 3, as outlined within Report [#2021-INFO-82](#). CAs will be able to levy for all Category 1 programs and services and only levy for category 2 and 3 programs and services with a municipal agreement and agreed to cost apportioning in place. The CA budget must now clearly show these programs and services categories and cost apportionment method for the municipal levy.
- 4.7 Current budget processes that the CAs and participating municipalities have developed are based on a mix of legislation, regulation, policy and guidance. The proposed regulation will update and consolidate current regulation, policy and guidance for the budget, where relevant, into the proposed Municipal Levies Regulation.
- 4.8 CAs would also be required to provide a summary of how they considered opportunities for self-generated revenue. A greater reliance on self-generated revenue can reduce demands on the overall municipal levy.
- 4.9 To enable full transparency, it is also proposed that the CAs would be required to:
- a. publicly post their draft budget to their website;
 - b. distribute a copy of the final budget to the Minister and participating municipalities; and
 - c. make the final budget available to the public through their website or other means.

Proposed Minister's Regulation for Determining Amounts Owed by Specified Municipalities

- 4.10 This proposed regulation applies to 'specified municipalities'. These are municipalities that are designated by regulation for a source protection authority/area under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* or designated under a regulation of

the *Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, 2008* as a municipality in the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; however, a specified municipality is not a participating municipality of a CA under the CA Act.

- 4.11 The Region is a “participating” municipality of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, so this proposed regulation is not applicable.

Proposal for Minister’s Published List of Classes of Programs and Services for Which a Conservation Authority May Charge a Fee

- 4.12 CAs can charge fees for services that are approved by the Minister. The Minister approved a list of services that is currently in effect and includes section 28 permit fees, plan review response to legal, real estate and public inquiries, extension services (e.g., technical advice, forest management, implementation of erosion control measures), information and education services, and sale of products. CAs can also charge admission fees for the use of lands they own or control and to their buildings and facilities on that land for recreational purposes.

- 4.13 The proposed regulation would ensure that a CA administers fees in a transparent and accountable manner such as requiring CAs to adopt and publish a written fee policy and fee schedule, and notify the public of changes. The CA would also be required to set out the frequency with which the fee policy and schedule will be reviewed. Additionally, CAs would be required to reconsider a fee at the request of any person who finds the fee contrary to the CAs fee schedule or excessive in relation to the program or service for which it was charged.

Complementary Proposals to Increase Transparency of Authority Operations

- 4.14 Complementary regulations are proposed to increase transparency of CA operations. These regulations would include:
- a. requiring CAs to include a Governance section on their website that includes membership information with contact information, authority bylaws, draft and final budgets, agreements between the CA and participating municipalities;
 - b. requiring that CAs post notice to their website when changes are made to existing agreements with participating municipalities or when new agreements are entered into.

5. Regional Comments on Regulatory and Policy Proposals (Phase 2)

- 5.1 Planning and Economic Development and Finance staff collaborated on the review of the Regulatory and Policy Proposals (Phase 2) and offered the following comments to the province in the letter dated February 25, 2022 (see Attachment #1):
- a. The Consultation Guide provides an “intent” to draft a regulation but does not provide detailed wording. It is difficult to provide comprehensive feedback in the absence of draft regulatory wording.
 - b. The Region previously requested that the province provide appropriate transition funding to support implementation of the Phase 1 Regulations. Such funding has yet to be committed.
 - c. To maintain consistency, the Region is supportive of the direction to continue applying long practiced municipal levy processes. It is critical that municipalities continue to have the opportunity to provide direct input to the CAs on the annual municipal levy and authority budget to ensure alignment with overall municipal levy targets, taxpayer affordability and strategic priorities of the municipality.
 - d. The Consultation Guide indicates that operating expenses for mandatory programs and services are proposed to be apportioned against all participating municipalities using the modified current property value assessment method. Where there may be operating expenses that do not apply to all participating municipalities, it is proposed that those operating expenses may be apportioned by agreement between the authority and participating municipalities, or as decided by the authority, rather than the modified current property value assessment method. The Region is supportive of the continued flexibility for the authority and participating municipalities to agree to an alternative apportionment basis. It is important that this determination be an agreement between the authority and the participating municipalities and not simply decided by the authority.
 - e. A goal of the Region’s Strategic Plan 2020-2024 is to provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery. To that end, the Region supports the requirement for CAs to provide a summary of how they considered opportunities for self-generated revenue to support the programs and services they provide and support a user-pay principle where fees are charged by the CAs.

- f. As part of the Region's submission to the Phase 1 Regulatory Proposals, it was recommended that the province continue to contribute funding to the drinking water source protection portfolio. The Region understands the assertion, through this phase of consultation, that there are currently no anticipated changes to ongoing provincial funding for the source water protection program.
- g. Under the proposal for a Minister's published list of classes of programs and services for which a CA may charge a fee, a CA would be required to reconsider a fee at the request of any person who finds the fee to be excessive or contrary to the CA's fee schedule. The CA can then vary the amount of the fee, order that no fee be charged or confirm the original fee. This process may contribute to unnecessary administrative burden with little benefit, aside from providing an avenue for fee complaints.
- h. The Region is supportive of efforts to increase transparency through complementary proposals related to authority operations, such as maintenance of a Governance section on CA websites and notice of new or amended agreements with municipalities and annual budgets and other financial information. Increasing transparency and accessibility of CA budgets and associated financing is critical for municipalities and the public as the majority of funding for CAs comes from municipal levies which directly impacts taxpayers and the financial context for municipal governments. While these requirements may not add significant administrative costs, they still have an impact. The Region recognizes that staffing capacity remains an issue from the perspective of our CA partners and encourages the province to provide appropriate long-term funding to facilitate these regulatory changes.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 This phase of regulatory and policy proposals under the CA Act largely represents what is currently occurring and already set out in existing regulation and policy, with the introduction of increased transparency measures.
- 6.2 Over the next two years, Regional staff will work closely with the CAs to implement requirements from associated Phase 1 Regulations, including the review of inventories of CA programs and services and establishment of agreements for Category 2 and 3 programs and services. Progress will be reported to Regional Council through future reports.

6.3 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the area municipalities and conservation authorities for their information.

7. **Attachments**

Attachment #1: Letter dated February 25, 2022 to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Regulatory and Policy Proposals (Phase 2) under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and Economic
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February 25, 2022

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Dear Ms. Vavro:

**RE: Region of Durham Response to ERO Posting #019-4610:
Regulatory and policy proposals (Phase 2) under the
Conservation Authorities Act**

On January 26, 2022, the province released Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting #019-4610 proposing Phase 2 regulations and policy under the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) focused on:

- municipal levy provisions;
- CA budget processes;
- classes of programs and services that the Minister would approve for CAs to charge fees; and
- transparency of CA operations.

Regional staff have been very involved in past consultations and provided comments on previous Phase 1 Regulatory Proposals. Regional staff also participated in a webinar on February 8, 2022, hosted by the province.

Background

There are five CAs within Durham Region, including:

- Toronto and Region (TRCA)
- Central Lake Ontario (CLOCA)
- Ganaraska Region (GRCA)
- Kawartha Region (KRCA)
- Lake Simcoe and Region (LSRCA)

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The Region has close working relationship with each of the CAs within Durham. In 1996, the province delegated the Provincial Plan Review function to Durham through a Memorandum of Understanding. To carry out these responsibilities, the Region entered a Partnership Memorandum with its five CAs to coordinate the discharge of their responsibilities with respect to natural heritage and hazard land protection through the land use planning process. The Partnership Memorandum has been updated and renewed twice since 1996.

CAs also play a key role in the implementation of source protection planning in partnership with municipalities that supply water to reduce risks to drinking water. These roles were established in the Clean Water Act, 2006. All five CAs in Durham are very engaged in their roles as a Source Protection Authority.

Regional Staff Comments on Phase 2 Regulatory and Policy Proposals

It is our understanding that these new regulatory and policy proposals largely reflect what is currently occurring and set out in existing regulation/policy. The following outlines the Region's comments regarding the Phase 2 Regulatory and Policy Proposals.

1. The Regulatory and Policy Proposal Consultation Guide provides an "intent" to draft a regulation but does not provide detailed wording. It is difficult to provide comprehensive feedback in the absence of draft regulatory wording.
2. The Region previously requested that the province provide appropriate transition funding to support implementation of the Phase 1 Regulations. Such funding has yet to be committed.
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Phase 2 Regulatory and Policy Proposals under the CA Act. Given the short commenting period, they comments

are those of Regional staff. We will bring this letter to the attention of Regional Council, and you will be advised of any changes.

Sincerely,

Colleen Goodchild

for

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP

Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2022-INFO-23
Date: March 18, 2022

Subject:

Economic Development and Tourism Annual Report 2021

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief overview of the Region's Economic Development and Tourism Division's 2021 activities and programs. Included as Attachment #1 is The Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism Annual Report 2021.

2. Background

2.1 The Economic Development and Tourism Division provides updates on its activities and programming to the Planning and Economic Development Committee regularly. The Annual Activity Report is presented as a high-level summary in addition to these regular, more detailed updates.

2.2 The Annual Report summarizes activities undertaken by the various sections of the Division which in 2021 included Business Development and Investment, Agri-Business and Rural Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development, Tourism, Broadband, and the Local Immigration Partnership.

2.3 In addition, the Annual Report provides an economic snapshot, and spotlights on entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives, sector development initiatives, highlights from special programs and activities, as well as awards and recognized achievements.

2.4 In 2021 the activities of the Economic Development and Tourism Division continued to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses. The 2021 Economic Development and Tourism Annual Report provides a high-level overview of ongoing COVID-19 response activities.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 2: Community Vitality.

- 2.5: Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

b. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity.

- 3.1: Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business
- 3.2: Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth
- 3.3: Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods more effectively
- 3.4: Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs
- 3.5: Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.

c. Goal 5: Service Excellence.

- 5.3: Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Economic Development and Tourism Division Annual Report will continue to be produced on an annual basis.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism Annual
Report 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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2021

Economic Development and Tourism Annual Report



2021 Year in Review

- Economic Snapshot
- COVID Response
- Business Investment Highlights
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Tourism Activities
- Sport Tourism
- Rural and Agricultural Economic Development
- Film Durham
- Broadband
- Durham Local Immigration Partnership
- Marketing Activities – InvestDurham
- Awards



Like many, the team at Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism began 2021 hoping that the worst of the economic impacts of the pandemic might be behind us. The year turned out to be more unpredictable and challenging than we had hoped—especially for small business owners—and the hard work we had underway in 2020 to support locally-owned businesses was still critically important.

To continue our progress toward economic recovery in the region, we continued to work with our partners on the Durham Economic Task Force (DETF) throughout 2021. Together, the DETF offered webinars, promoted business supports, launched huge buy-local marketing campaigns, and worked together on projects to support business recovery.

At the same time, our team continued to find innovative ways of attracting investment and enabling economic growth. In 2021, we organized events, investment tours, agri-food workshops and tourism roundtables—all virtually. We showcased all of the absolutely incredible things that Durham has to offer to tens of thousands of people, online.

The pandemic has dramatically changed how many of us live and work. Our 14 downtowns are vibrant and exciting, and the rolling countryside outside our towns is charming and beautiful, offering the inspiring experiences that people need and want for a balanced lifestyle. Durham Region continued to experience booming growth, because we are in-demand. We welcomed new headquarters for innovative tech companies, international film production facilities, and we saw massive growth in interest for commercial and industrial development. Durham is an attractive place for businesses to grow.

Later in 2021, we started work on a new five-year Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan that will chart the path for how our region's economy can become more innovative, diverse, resilient and strong. Workshops with our stakeholders and community partners have started, to gather critical input.

In 2022, we will complete and launch this action plan. It will outline how our team will promote the region for new investment, enable business growth and job creation, support on-farm diversification, and support innovation, to meet the needs of the changing global economy.

We will continue to support our local businesses as they confidently build back stronger.



Simon Gill
Director, Economic Development and Tourism

Economic Snapshot



Booming Growth

- Estimated population of Durham Region in 2021 grew to 728,100.
- Durham Region's population is forecast to grow to 1,300,000 by 2051.



In Demand

- Oshawa census metropolitan area (Bowmanville to Whitby) is the third fastest growing population in the country (2021 Census Data).
- The average selling price in Durham Region for all home types increased by almost 33 per cent from December 2020 reaching \$1,033,032.



Talented

- Durham Region post-secondary student population grew to more than 30,000 students annually.
- Nearly 40 per cent* growth in tech talent in the last five years (*Oshawa CMA).



Innovating the Future

- Ontario Power Generation announces partnership to deploy a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) at Darlington site, Clarington.
- Home to campuses of two of the top 10 ranked primarily undergrad universities in Canada: Ontario Tech University and Trent University Durham GTA.

COVID Response

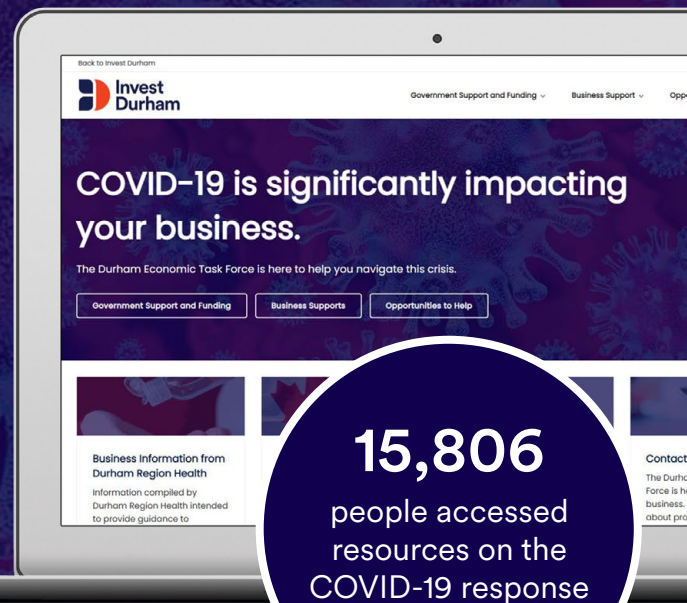
The COVID-19 pandemic continued to bring challenges for Durham Region businesses in 2021. The Durham Economic Task Force (DETF), formed in 2020, continued to respond to the COVID-19 crisis with targeted programming, advocacy and support for locally-owned businesses.

The DETF is made up of Regional and local area economic development teams as well as local Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas (BIAs). The DETF also includes the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Business Advisory Centre of Durham.

Continuing to lead projects in coordination with the DETF was a major area of focus for Invest Durham in 2021.

DETF Projects:

- COVID-19 response website and campaign
- COVID-19 response webinars and advocacy
- Downtowns of Durham website and campaign
- Shop Where You Live, Shop in Durham—Shop Local Campaign
- Shop Durham Region Marketplace
- Chamber-led rapid testing program



By the Numbers:



26

community partner organizations in the DETF



760

attendees at DETF webinars in 2021



60,000

residents visited DowntownsOfDurham.ca, a 42% increase over 2020

Business Investment Highlights

The following non-exhaustive list details some key new businesses, strategic investments and retained/expanded businesses in Durham Region in 2021. Please note that this list does not include any retail or franchise opportunities and may include opportunities that our team did not provide direct assistance.

Autocrypt locates North American office in 1855 Accelerator, Whitby

Inclusive Instruments locates in 1855 Accelerator, Whitby

Porsche Experience Centre (PEC) announces location is being added to the 'Durham Live' development, Pickering

General Motors assembly plant reopened, Oshawa

Sargent Family Dairy, Durham's first on-farm dairy processing facility opens, Clarington

GEODIS, a global logistics provider, opens a distribution and logistics facility, Oshawa

Aosom Canada Inc. opens distribution facility, Oshawa

William F White (WFW) opens 90-acre film and television backlot, Pickering

Ontario Power Generation announces GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy selected as partner to deploy a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) at Darlington site, Clarington

East Penn opens warehouse and head office, Clarington

Merck announces production of COVID-19 antiviral drug at Thermo Fisher Scientific, Whitby

Windmill Farms (Greenwood Mushroom) expands, growing their facility by more than 100,000 square feet, Port Perry



Responded to 112 Business Investment Inquiries

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Invest Durham supported a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship organizations and initiatives, including:

- Spark Centre and Spark Angels
- Synergy Pioneer Program
- 1855 Accelerator
- Business Advisory Centre of Durham (BACD)
- Collision Conference
- Durham Entrepreneurship Ecosystem
- OPEN.innovate Creative Arts Incubator of Durham Region
- Digital Main Street
- SiberXChange and SiberX Canadian Women in Cybersecurity
- Ontario Shores' Mental Health Innovation Incubator

Tourism Activities

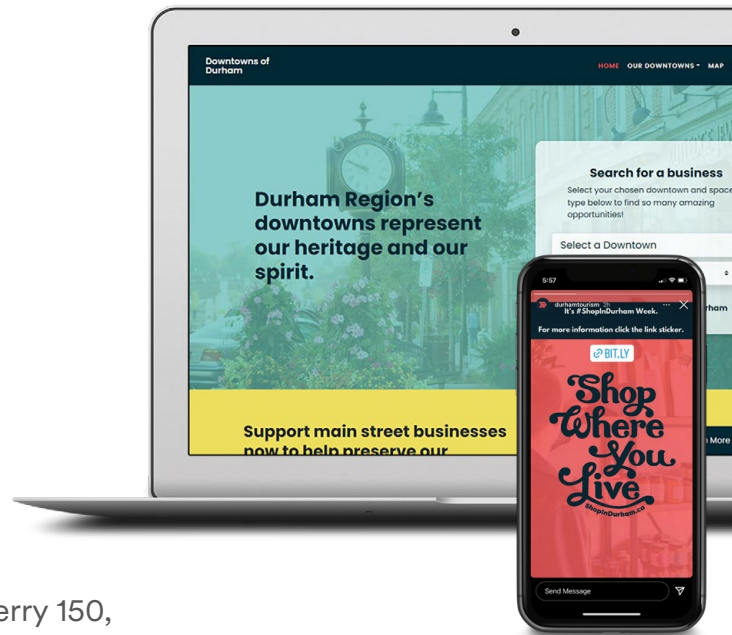
With promotions to bring tourists to Durham limited by the pandemic, Durham Tourism focused significant effort on supporting local tourism businesses and operators as many experienced the most severe impacts to their business due to restrictions.

Initiatives included:

- Shop Where You Live, Shop in Durham campaign—a joint effort with Durham’s Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade
- Downtowns of Durham project—the project has grown to profile nearly 1,000 downtown and main street businesses, including dozens of blog posts, and a downtown business value proposition.

Other key initiatives include:

- North Durham Tourism Ambassador Program launch; and partnership with North Durham events such as Winding Roads Festival, Port Perry 150, Mural Marathon, and the Uxbridge Holiday Trail.
- Partnering to support and promote safe outdoor events such as the Downtown Whitby BIA Christmas Market, The Troubadour Series in Downtown Oshawa, the OMAs – Celebrating Music in Durham Region, and Durham Carifest.



7,758

monthly e-newsletter subscribers



4,199

monthly industry e-newsletter subscribers



131,485

engagements on social media – an increase of 45 per cent year over year



Twitter

8,183 followers
7,172 engagements
4% follower growth



Instagram

7,683 followers
44,368 engagements
56% follower growth



Facebook

6,284 followers
79,945 engagements
24% follower growth



Tourism Initiative: Durham is Home Collection

Durham Tourism launched the Durham is Home collection, featuring 22 designs, representing iconic locations across the region. Developed in consultation with stakeholders and designed in-house, the collection provides a way for residents to visibly demonstrate their love and sense of pride and belonging for the many communities that make up Durham Region.

17,296 store sessions—\$27,796.37 in proceeds that will be used to promote our vibrant local tourism industry businesses.



Sport Tourism

In 2021, Sport Durham announced the Parasport Games Legacy Fund Grant, in partnership with Their Opportunity. The program provides subsidies for children and youth to participate in adaptive sport programs in Durham Region.

In collaboration with the Abilities Centre and the Durham Adaptive Sport Collective, Sport Durham launched the first phase of the Parasport School Grow It program, with a teacher training session for two parasports.

Sport Durham continued to support adaptive sport initiatives and pursued adaptive sport event hosting opportunities, including co-hosting the Canadian Blind Hockey #COURAGE21 fundraiser and awareness campaign stop. In 2022, Sport Durham plans to host the Canadian Women’s Para Hockey National Selection Camp and is collaborating with partners to develop a new adaptive Stand-Up Paddleboard program.

Sport Event Bidding and Hosting

- Hosted Field Hockey Ontario Talent Identification Camp with Town of Ajax
- Confirmed Field Hockey Ontario 2022 Team Ontario Day Weekend and May Meltdown events
- Awarded 2022 Ontario Basketball Association Under 16 Boys, Under 17 Boys and Under 19 Ontario Cup Championships
- Submitted bid to host the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games to continue to build on the momentum of the 2019 Games and elevate the profile of adaptive sport in our community

Rural and Agricultural Economic Development



796

bi-monthly industry e-newsletter subscribers



15%

growth in number of social media followers



470

total attendees at agriculture and rural workshops



3,784 visits to the Durham Region local food directory

Launched a workforce development project that included eight videos highlighting the diverse career opportunities available in the agri-food industry.



- Hosted a four-part webinar series on various niche and specialty crops that can be grown in the region. Topics included technical agronomic information and marketing tactics, with more than 300 participants.
- Wrote and supported the execution of three successful rural economic development projects and initiatives in north Durham.
- Reached more than 1,450 Uxbridge residents, business owners and visitors as part of the Uxbridge downtown revitalization project.

Film Durham



54%

increase in film production days in Durham Region from 2020 to 2021



19%

increase in film production projects in Durham Region from 2020 to 2021



170

attendees at virtual career fair



- Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) hosted a series of five drive-ins. Films were selected by invitation and were all Canadian filmmakers showing Canada's diversity.
- Largest backlot of its kind in Canada is now open in City of Pickering.

Broadband

Improving access to broadband is a strategic priority for Durham Regional Council. Increasing broadband availability in underserved areas is critical to Durham's economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. Bridging the digital divide is highlighted in the economic pillar of the Regional Recovery Framework and Action Plan.

Ongoing project accomplishments include:

- With assistance under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), the first broadband network construction project was initiated. The 38-kilometre high-speed fibre optic backbone, will connect the Township of Uxbridge to the City of Pickering.
- Development of a business plan that received Council endorsement to construct a Regional Broadband Network (RBN); and established a Municipal Services Corporation called Durham OneNet Inc. to develop, manage and operate the RBN, connecting our Regional facilities and communities across Durham.

Durham Local Immigration Partnership - #ImmigrantsWork Initiative

The Durham Local Immigration Partnership (DLIP) partnered with World Education Services Canada and community stakeholders to deliver virtual workshops and webinars as a part of an #ImmigrantsWork Initiative. The program is designed to engage the business community in dialogue around hiring newcomers and aims to foster inclusion of immigrant talent in Durham Region. The program is also developing a toolkit of resources for local employers.

Marketing Activities – Invest Durham

Promoting Durham Region for new investment and job creation.



Twitter

1,047 followers
2,182 interactions
43% follower growth



LinkedIn

2,669 followers
4,328 interactions
107% follower growth



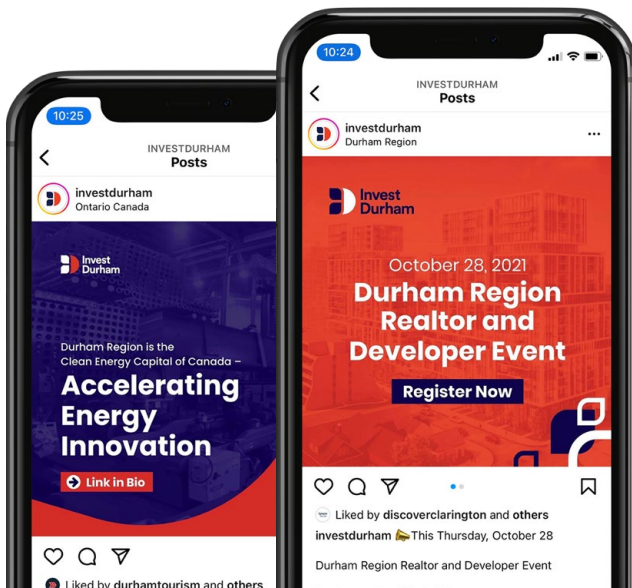
Instagram

1,404 followers
2,535 interactions
67% follower growth

1,677 subscribers to Invest Durham Enews

Invest Durham Marketing Initiatives

- 400+ printed Timeline of Innovation brochures distributed internationally
- 1,200,000+ impressions of campaign promoting Durham’s history of innovating
- 110 connections made at Collision Virtual Conference



- 367 registrations received for the Durham Region Realtor and Developer event
- 1,000,000 impressions from campaign to promote the energy, environment and engineering sector in Durham Region



Awards

2020 Festivals and Events Ontario Achievement Award

- Canada Day the Durham Way

2020 WebAward

- For outstanding achievement for the InvestDurham.ca website.

Sport Tourism Canada 2020 PRESTIGE Awards (awarded in April 2021)

- Durham Region 2019 Ontario Parasport Games—Canadian Sport Event of the Year award [Group B, budget less than \$1 million]

MarCom Awards

- Invest Durham History of Innovation Ad Series: Gold
- Invest Durham Brand Guidelines: Platinum
- Durham Tourism rebrand: Gold
- Durham is Home: Gold
- Invest Durham LinkedIn page: Honourable Mention
- Downtowns of Durham blog: Honourable Mention

AVA Digital Awards

- Invest Durham Value Proposition video, web-based production: Platinum
- Invest Durham Tap Into Talent video, web-based production: Platinum
- Invest Durham—A Timeline of Innovation in Durham Region, Digital Advertising Campaign: Platinum
- Invest Durham Agriculture Careers video series, video production: Honourable Mention
- Invest Durham Energy Campaign, Digital Advertising Campaign: Honourable Mention



2021 dotCOMM Awards

- Durham Tourism Instagram

2021 EDCO Economic Development Awards (Results April 2022)

- Energy Campaign: Finalist
- Shop Durham Region Marketplace: Finalist

2021 Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) Annual Marketing Canada Awards

- Durham is Home – Category: Social Media/Apps in the \$600,000+size category
- Timeline of Innovation Automotive Ad – Category: Single Advertisement in the \$600,000+size category



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2022-INFO-24
Date: March 18, 2022

Subject:

Indexing of Regional Development Charges

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Regional Council of the pending annual indexing of the Regional Development Charges (DC) on July 1, 2022, to reflect inflationary price increases related to capital projects to ensure that the Region continues to recover growth related costs through its development charges at prevailing cost levels required to fund capital investments in water, sewer, roads and other services.

2. Background

2.1 The Regional DC By-laws (#28-2018, #38-2019 and #81-2017) contain a provision that the prevailing Regional DCs be adjusted annually, without amendment to those by-laws, as of the 1st day of July in accordance with the Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Statistics, catalogue number 62-007, for the most recently available annual period ending March 31. The Construction Price Statistics Index for the Toronto Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) is used in accordance with Provincial regulations applicable to the Region of Durham.

2.2 Regional By-law #86-2001 as amended (GO Transit DC By-law) has a similar provision to the by-laws above, however, the annual adjustment is limited to a maximum of 3 per cent, as per section 18 of the by-law.

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- 2.3 The annual indexing on July 1, 2022, will be applied to the following DC by-laws:
- a. Regional Residential and Non-residential DC By-law #28-2018 (water, sewer, roads and other services);
 - b. GO Transit DC By-law #86-2001; and
 - c. Seaton Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Area Specific DC By-law #38-2019.
- 2.4 Annual indexing for the known inflationary price increases related to capital projects ensures that the Region continues to recover growth related costs through its development charges at prevailing cost levels required to fund capital investments in water, sewer, roads and other services.
- 2.5 The Region is in the process of renewing its Regional Transit DC By-law to reflect changes in the long-term plans for Durham Region Transit and the related capital costs. The public meetings regarding the new by-law will be held on April 27, 2022. Regional Council will make a decision on the new Regional Transit DC by-law on June 29, 2022, with implementation on July 1, 2022. The new by-law will not require indexing as the capital costs and rates will be in 2022 values.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 The following reports approved the DC By-laws that require the indexing of DCs:
- a. Report #2017-COW-262;
 - b. Report #2018-COW-108; and
 - c. Report #2019-F-23
 - d. Report #2021-F-53

4. July 1, 2022 Indexing of Regional Development Charges

- 4.1 Indexing of the applicable by-laws is required on July 1, 2022 using the most recently available 12-month period, ending March 31, of the Statistics Canada Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the Toronto CMA.
- 4.2 The Statistics Canada Non-residential Building Construction Price Index for the period of March 31, 2021, to March 31, 2022, is anticipated to be released in mid-May, 2022. An information report will be prepared for Council in May that outlines the dollar value of the indexing. Indications are that this will be a higher increase than has been historically seen.

5. Rationale for Annual Regional Development Charges Indexing

- 5.1 Canadian non-residential building construction costs increased by 9.6 per cent on an annual basis for the Toronto CMA in 2021 (the eleven CMA composite index increased by 6.9 per cent). In 2021, the sum of the quarterly increases was 14.5 per cent, for the Toronto CMA non-residential building construction price index, and 10.8 per cent for the eleven CMA composite (Chart 1). Canadian non-residential building construction costs increased 2.7 per cent in Q4 2021 (slightly

below Q3 increase of 2.9 per cent) (Chart 2). The Cities of Ottawa and Toronto recorded a new record in year-over-year index increases for Q4 2021.

Chart 1: Sum of quarterly increases in the non-residential building construction price index

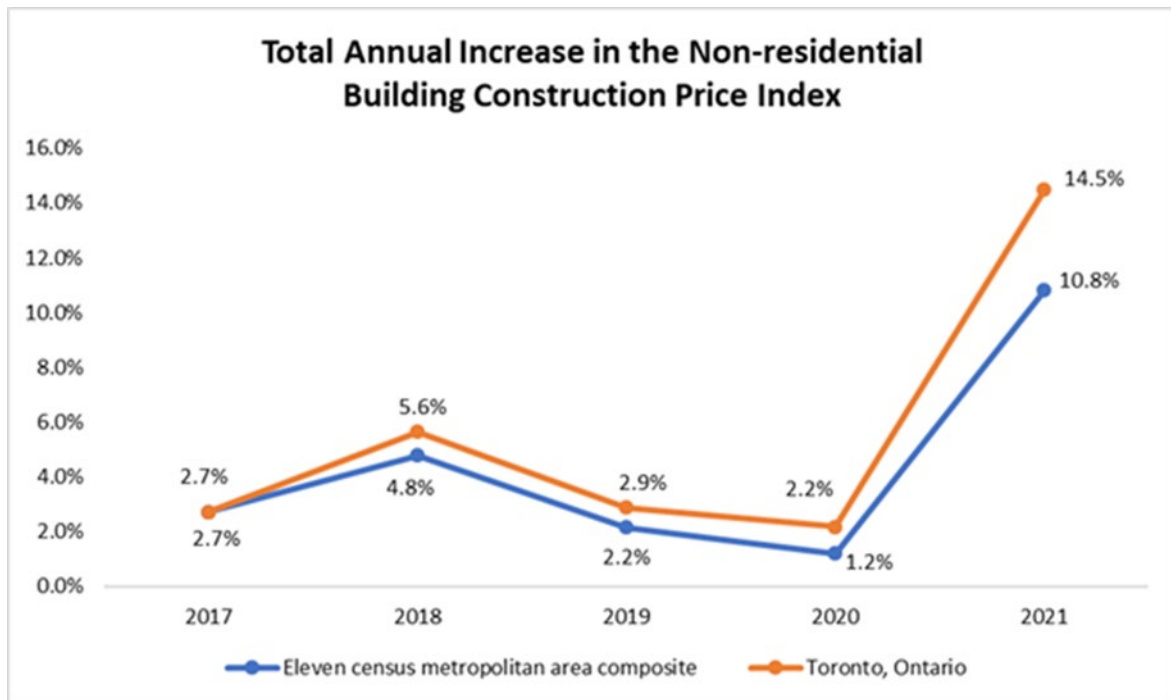
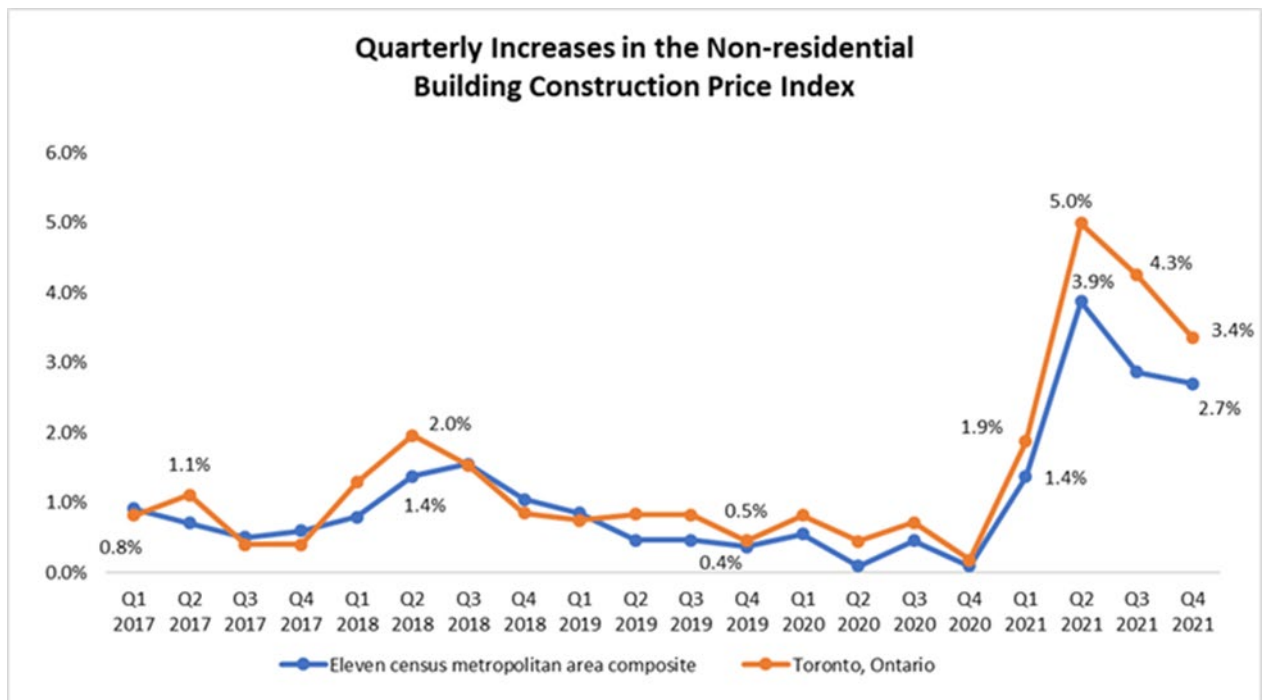


Chart 2: Quarterly increase in the non-residential building construction price index



- 5.2 According to Statistics Canada, increased costs were driven by metal fabrication and concrete elements prices (e.g. steel reinforcement). Contractors attribute these higher costs to rising skilled labour costs and shortages and steel supply constraints. The pandemic continued to impact the construction industry. Job vacancy rates in the Canadian construction industry increased at a faster rate in the second half of 2021, further increasing the need for skilled labour to address growing demands. Capital costs associated with factories/bus depots with maintenance/repair facilities increased most between Q4 2020 and Q4 2021.
- 5.3 Regional programs can expect to pay higher general prices for material goods and services over at least the coming year, with increasing risks of price spikes and delivery delays based on supply disruptions and labour issues. These challenges are related to the still present and uncertain path of the pandemic and potential future variants, as well as ripple effects from the Russia/Ukraine conflict, the largest war in Europe since World War II.
- 5.4 The Region has had several tenders close recently with significant price increases over the estimated construction costs, with the following observations:
- a. Tender price increases have been in the 11 to 40 per cent range;
 - b. Several projects have been deferred to either re-scope or seek additional funding; and
 - c. Tender price increases have occurred in all construction sectors, including facilities, roads and water/sewer.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Region's DCs will be indexed, in accordance with the Regional DC By-laws, to reflect the increase in construction costs to provide municipal services involved such as water, sewer and roads. This annual adjustment ensures that the Regional DCs continue to reflect the current cost of municipal capital infrastructure construction. The index used is that prescribed by Provincial regulation applicable to the Region of Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: March 18, 2022

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – March 13, 2022

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 13, 2022

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3v75jkt6

- Immunization Reminder Letter to Students sent in March 2022 (Mar 2)

tinyurl.com/2wjdx7xz

- COVID-19 Vaccine Interval Post SARS-CoV-2 Infection (Mar 3)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/tvcwet97

- Legislation to support low-income seniors who received pandemic benefits receives royal assent (Mar 3)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/4exx4j87

- Minister Guilbeault thanks the Canadian delegation participating in the fifty-fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and reinforces Canada's commitment to fight climate change (Feb 28)

tinyurl.com/3888paf7

- Canada supports a new legally binding global agreement on plastics as UN meeting kicks off in Kenya (Mar 1)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/5n729w9v

- Legislation to increase access to rapid testing across the country receive Royal Assent (Mar 4)

Indigenous Services Canada

tinyurl.com/yn5h9dne

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of March 3, 2022

tinyurl.com/2p8b7k7j

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of March 10, 2022

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/2c4yehux

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on March 4, 2022

tinyurl.com/bdds3pdn

- Government of Canada supports improving healthy living behaviours in older adults (Mar 8)

tinyurl.com/2p9e469s

- Statement from the Minister of Health on Canada's second National Day of Observance for COVID-19 (Mar 11)

tinyurl.com/ywrrnpv2n

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on March 11, 2022

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/yf9zjf7

- Government of Canada announces the new public health plan for cruise ships (Mar 7)

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

tinyurl.com/2p44zyd3

- President of the Treasury Board of Canada statement regarding the evolving public health situation (Feb 28)

tinyurl.com/486thr6f

- Treasury Board President Mona Fortier tables Departmental Plans for the 2022-23 fiscal year (Mar 2)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

tinyurl.com/nus5f325

- Ontario Hosts Summit on Food Security (Mar 1)

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

tinyurl.com/42w4uhwh

- Ontario Enhancing Personal Support Worker Training (Mar 10)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/3ynsjr7x

- Ontario Providing Access to the Latest Technology for Diabetes Care (Mar 4)

tinyurl.com/3jy862jc

- Ontario Making Historic Investment in Provincial Nursing Workforce (Mar 7)

tinyurl.com/56p286zt

- Statement from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Mar 9)

Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

tinyurl.com/46t7fhyn

- Ontario Mandating Naloxone Kits in High-Risk Workplaces (Mar 1)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

tinyurl.com/2p84khde

- Ontario Expanding Mobile Crisis Response Teams (Mar 11)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/crbv8tbu

- Healthy Eating Strategy Letter (Mar 4)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/544eznr7

- New investments for COVID-19 impact research will support an equitable pandemic recovery for all Canadians (Mar 4)

tinyurl.com/yckyaxf3

- Women RISE Initiative Launches on International Women's Day: Canada invests in research to ensure an equitable COVID-19 recovery (Mar 8)

tinyurl.com/2s466hd3

- New research project at SickKids to study the nutrition of children during COVID-19 pandemic (Mar 10)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/2s39xyfr

- Canada's health system is on life support: Health workers call for urgent mobilization to address shortages, burnout and backlog issues (Mar 10)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

tinyurl.com/56bj46c3

- Canadian Ophthalmological Society highlights World Glaucoma Week and encourages Canadians to make eye health a priority (Mar 3)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/4uyjcu4r

- Province spent \$5.5 billion less than planned over first three quarters of 2021-22 (Mar 2)

tinyurl.com/mrydafd6

- FAO releases long-term budget outlook: 2021-2050 (Mar 10)

Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada

tinyurl.com/553duprn

- Neighbourhood Pharmacies Release 2021 Impact Report, "Demonstrating Pharmacy's Potential," for Pharmacy Appreciation Month (Mar 1)

Ontario Community Support Association

tinyurl.com/2p8dduwt

- Action needed now – new campaign highlights crisis in home and community support sector (Mar 9)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/3k3rc2xf

- Ontario Hospitals Express Sincere Thanks to Minister Elliott (Mar 4)

tinyurl.com/8nsm4psw

- Ontario's Hospitals to Maintain Measures to Protect Patient Safety (Mar 9)

Parkinson Canada

tinyurl.com/2p9uxkjy

- Parkinson Canada's National Roundtable Report explores advocacy needs of Canadians living with Parkinson's (Mar 10)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/5n6jjbjp


- Public Health Connections (Mar 11)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/yckw7p9w

- Ontario's decision to drop mask mandate puts politics ahead of science, risking gains made (Mar 9)



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The Corporation of
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705-432-2355

March 8, 2022

Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries
Hearst Block, 9th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2A1

Sent via email: Lisa.macleodco@pc.ola.org

Re: Support Public Libraries - Equitable Access to Digital Content

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock adopted the following resolution at their meeting held on February 28, 2022 in support of the resolution adopted by the Brock Township Public Library Board, a copy of which is enclosed:

Resolution C-2022-042

Moved: Councillor Schummer
Seconded: Councillor Pettingill

WHEREAS the Township of Brock recognizes the important role that libraries play in our community, and the literacy programs they provide are integral to developing proficient readers; and

WHEREAS the Township of Brock recognizes that digital literacy programs run by libraries help ensure citizens can contribute to our digital world; and

WHEREAS vulnerable demographic groups, including seniors, low income families, youth, and new Canadians rely on access to libraries as an important tool for their participation in the community; and

WHEREAS purchasing models of eContent for public libraries are restrictive in comparison to physical item purchasing, prices for eContent are exponentially higher than physical materials, but lending models do not provide additional benefits in line with premium prices; and

WHEREAS libraries must be in a position to offer eContent to their users as part of their service offering to their community, particularly given the rapid pace of digitization educational and cultural materials; and

WHEREAS Brock Township Public Library is committed to providing barrier-free access to learning and leisure materials to Brock residents through means that meet their changing needs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council supports Canadian libraries in their efforts to increase access to eContent for users; and

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

THAT Council calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to investigate the barriers faced by libraries in acquiring eContent, and develop a solution that increases access and fair pricing for eContent; and

THAT Council direct staff to forward this motion to the appropriate Provincial and Federal ministers, all Durham Region Library Boards, all Durham Region municipalities, and Durham Region.

CARRIED

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

Encl.

Cc Jamie Schmale, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - jamie.schmale@parl.gc.ca
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org
CEO, Francis Newman, Oshawa Public Library Board - opladmin@oshawalibrary.on.ca.
CEO, Linda Kent, Clarington Public Library - lkent@clarington-library.on.ca
CEO, Rhonda Jessup, Whitby Public Library - admin@whitbylibrary.ca
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CEO, Jackie Flowers, Pickering Public Library - jackieflowers@pickeringlibrary.ca
CEO, Amy Caughlin, Scugog Public Library - acaughlin@scugoglibrary.ca.
CEO, Amanda Ferraro, Uxbridge Public Library - aferraro@uxbridge.ca
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Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge – dleroux@uxbridge.on.ca
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby - clerks@whitby.ca
Cheryl Bandel, Acting Clerk, Region of Durham - clerks@durham.ca



February 18, 2022

Dear Township of Brock Council Members,

The Brock Township Public Library Board respectfully asks for your support in the efforts of public libraries across the country to address the ongoing issues that restrict equitable access to digital content.

On February 8, 2022, the Brock Library Board passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 2022-02-5

Moved by: Walter Schummer

Seconded by: Alicia Hogan

THAT the BTPL Board direct the Interim CEO to send a letter to Brock Township Council asking for their support in reducing the cost of eContent for public libraries by writing to Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture.

In recognition of the ever increasing reliance on digital media as well as the library's responsibility to offer high quality materials in all formats required by our community, this advocacy campaign urges our government representatives to investigate and address fair and equitable availability and pricing of eContent.

Canadian public libraries face an increasing struggle to offer digital publications due to the prohibitive costs and restrictive licensing models set out by multinational publishing companies. These companies continue to limit access to digital publications by restricting Canadian public libraries' access to a number of best-selling titles including some prominent Canadian and Indigenous works.

Libraries lend digital materials just like physical books – on a one-license-to-one user basis. The pricing of these materials significantly challenges our purchasing budgets and precludes us from purchasing multiple digital copies resulting in extremely long wait lists for our library users. By way of example, Canadian author Louise Penny's book *The Madness of Crowds* is available to libraries for \$14.15 as a soft cover, \$50.00 as a hardcover and \$32.00 in talking book CD format. A digital copy of this title in talking book format is \$95.00 and ebook format is \$75.00. Both of these digital versions are only available under a metered access model meaning the title can be checked out electronically 52 times or for 2 years – whichever happens first, at which point the licence expires. A paper edition in a public library setting would be expected to last more than 4 years at a substantially lower cost.

These challenges greatly hamper the core mandate of public libraries to provide equitable access to information in all formats to all citizens. It is increasingly important for libraries to assist people with participating fully and meaningfully in our digital world. Additionally, for many who struggle with affordability, including seniors, lower income families, youth and new Canadians, public libraries provide access to information they may not otherwise be able to obtain.

The Brock Township Public Library Board is asking municipal leaders, Members of Parliament and Federal Election 2023 candidates to recognize that libraries serve important demographic groups by providing access to materials that allow them to learn and grow, and to help us advocate for solutions to the barriers that Canadian libraries continue to face in accessing digital publications.

We respectfully ask you to consider sending a letter to the Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and copy other key provincial and federal ministers and candidates requesting active investigation of the barriers faced by public libraries in acquiring eContent and development of a solution that increases access and fair pricing.

If you require any further information please contact me at 705-426-9283 ext. 25 or lorimitchell@brocklibraries.ca.

Sincerely,



Lori Mitchell

Brock Township Public Library, Interim CEO



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Sent by E-Mail

January 27, 2022

Re: Reducing Cost of eContent for Public Libraries

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held January 24, 2022:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes the important role that libraries play in our community, and the literacy programs they provide are integral to developing proficient readers;

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes that digital literacy programs run by libraries help ensure citizens can contribute to our digital world;

WHEREAS vulnerable demographic groups, including seniors, low income families, youth, and new Canadians rely on access to libraries as an important tool for their participation in the community;

AND WHEREAS purchasing models of eContent for public libraries are restrictive in comparison to physical item purchasing, prices for eContent are exponentially higher than physical materials, but lending models do not provide additional benefits in line with premium prices;

AND WHEREAS libraries must be in a position to offer eContent to their users as part of their service offering to their community, particularly given the rapid pace of digitization of educational and cultural materials;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Public Library is committed to providing barrier-free access to learning and leisure materials to Ajax residents through means that meet their changing needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council supports Canadian libraries in their efforts to increase access to eContent for users;

2. Ajax Council calls on the provincial and federal governments to investigate the barriers faced by libraries in acquiring eContent, and develop a solution that increases access and fair pricing for eContent; and
3. This motion be sent to the appropriate provincial and federal ministers, and all Durham Region Library Boards.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or alexander.harras@ajax.ca.


Sincerely,



Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee
Mayor Collier
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Mark Holland, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Hon. Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage
The Canadian Urban Libraries Council
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March 11, 2022

Via Email:

Cheryl Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Durham
clerks@durham.ca

Re: Resolution # 45-22: Notice of Passing of [By-law 7856-22](#) - Cancellation,
Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes

Please be advised that at a meeting held on February 17, 2022, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted **By-law # 7856-22 - Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes**, under Section 365(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 (the "Act") as amended. The purpose of By-law # 7856-22 is to grant assistance to eligible Property Owners who are elderly residents or persons with disabilities.

Pursuant to Subsection 365(2) of the Act, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby is serving notice to the Regional Municipality of Durham of the fact that it has passed a By-law in accordance with Subsection Section 365(1) of the Act.

A copy of by-law is attached hereto. Should you require a printed copy of the by-law, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at clerk@whitby.ca.

Christopher Harris
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk

Attachment: By-law # 7856-22

Copy: F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
wongf@whitby.ca



The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting

Title: Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Report, PDS.22.037

Date: Monday, February 28, 2022


Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.22.037, entitled "[Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations – Information Report](#)";

AND THAT Council direct Town staff to monitor any provincial policy and legislative changes that may be proposed by the Province to address Housing and Affordability issues.

The motion is Carried

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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting


Title: Township of Clearview
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Hope

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the February 9, 2022 correspondence from Township of Clearview regarding their letter to Premier Ford for funding support for infrastructure projects, bridge and culvert replacements in rural municipalities;
AND THAT Council supports the Township of Clearview February 7, 2022 resolution requesting that Federal and Provincial Governments to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements;
AND THAT Council direct that this resolution be forwarded to Ontario municipalities, AMO, Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister and ROMA for support

The motion is Carried

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CLEARVIEW

February 9, 2022

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on February 7, 2022, passed the following resolution regarding funding support for infrastructure projects:

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Burton, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview supports the requests from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, the Township of Adelaide-Metcalf, the Township of Lake of Bays, the Township of Amaranth, and Northumberland County for the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities.
Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,




Sasha Helmkey, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance minister.fin@ontario.ca
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca
AMO amo@amo.on.ca
ROMA roma@roma.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

March 4, 2022

Hon. Chrystia Freeland PC MP
Ministry of Finance
90 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

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VIA EMAIL

Dear Deputy Prime Minister:

I am writing to you today to make a pre-budget submission in accordance with a motion presented by my colleague Councillor Jonathan Scott and passed unanimously by our Town Council asking that the federal government fulfil bipartisan commitments towards creating a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund in the upcoming federal budget.

The motion is enclosed for your reference.

As you know, both local Liberal and Conservative MPs ran on the promise of restoring and exceeding funding that used to exist to help protect Lake Simcoe under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Clean-up Fund. You yourself made such a commitment of a \$40-million fund during the 2019 election in Barrie. The commitment to a billion-dollar Freshwater Action Fund, which would include funding for Lake Simcoe, is in the Hon. Steven Guibeault's mandate letter as Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

We ask that funding greater than previous commitments be invested to protect the Lake Simcoe watershed in this year's budget. Such funding should be over and above previous commitments given that funding for the Lake has been in hiatus since the previous fund expired in 2017, and due to inflationary pressures. As the motion outlines, such funding could be used for land conservation, shoreline restoration, cleaning up contaminated sites, reducing discharges from existing wastewater treatment plants, and other tangible means to restore the health of the watershed.

Our region, and Bradford West Gwillimbury in particular, is growing, and so we need to take environmental mitigation and restoration efforts seriously, alongside a federal partner.

I understand this motion has also passed in the Town of Georgina, and is being considered by other municipalities across our region, demonstrating, I believe, the great unity in our area for federal action to protect Lake Simcoe.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Keffer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob Keffer
Mayor
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

cc. Hon. Steven Guibeault PC MP
Hon. Mona Fortier PC MP
Tony Van Bynen MP
Scot Davidson MP
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Lake Simcoe Region Mayors and Councils

March 4, 2022

VIA EMAIL

Hon. Chrystia Freeland PC MP
Ministry of Finance
90 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

Dear Hon. Chrystia Freeland,

Re: Federal Support for Lake Simcoe Clean Up Fund

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on March 1, 2022, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution regarding federal funding for the Lake Simcoe Cleanup Fund.

Resolution 2022-12 Scott/Ferragine

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario's largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia;

AND WHEREAS the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries;

AND WHEREAS the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers;

AND WHEREAS the previous federal government funded a "Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund" of \$65 million over 10 years between 2007-2017, but that fund has not been renewed;

AND WHEREAS during the 2019 federal election, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland committed \$40 million over 5 years towards Lake Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS during the 2021 federal election, the Liberal Party of Canada committed to "Implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including an historic investment of \$1 billion over 10 years. This plan will provide essential funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...";

AND WHEREAS the Conservative Party of Canada also committed to re-funding the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund in the 2019 and 2021 general elections with an investment of \$30 million over five years;

Further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's mandate letter, which directs the Minister to "...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe..."

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury:

- 1. Supports federal funding for a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding in excess of previous commitments, beginning in the 2022 budget;*

- 2. Asks that such funding be used to undertake:*
 - a. Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River and Black River, and the Holland Marsh,*
 - b. Projects to ameliorate contaminated sites in the watershed,*
 - c. Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities to decrease total current discharges from existing facilities,*
 - d. Planting of 250,000 trees in the watershed, and purchasing and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), to make significant progress towards the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan goal of 40% of the watershed area being protected natural land; and*

- 3. That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York—Simcoe, Newmarket—Aurora, Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte, Barrie—Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the LSRCA, with a request for their endorsement.*

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
Hon. Mona Fortier, President of the Treasury Board
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Doug Shipley, MP Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte
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Jim Watson
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February 25th 2022

John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO
Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Rd. East
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Regional Chair Henry,

As Head of Ottawa City Council, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation to you for lending the valuable assistance of the Durham Regional Police Service to support the Ottawa Police Service in coordinating a successful police enforcement operation in our City's downtown core, and restoration of peace and order, in response to a prolonged and unlawful occupation by protesters.

I am equally grateful to the members of the Durham Regional Police Service, who worked in cooperation with the Ottawa Police Service and other law enforcement agencies across Canada, for their tireless efforts, professionalism, and expertise demonstrated throughout this unprecedented emergency.

Thanks to the Durham Regional Police Service's participation in this coordinated and measured police response, the residents and businesses in Ottawa's Centretown, and other neighbourhoods negatively impacted by the illegal occupation, can begin returning safely and peacefully to a level of normalcy in their daily lives.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
Mayor

From: [Clerks](#)
To: [Lydia Gerritsen](#)
Subject: FW: Overnight Warming Centers in Oshawa
Date: March 10, 2022 9:10:29 AM
Importance: High

For CIP

From: lindapower lindapower <lindapower@bell.net>
Sent: March 9, 2022 11:29 PM
To: Clerks Department City of Oshawa <clerks@oshawa.ca>; Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>
Subject: Overnight Warming Centers in Oshawa
Importance: High

Clerks -- please ensure that the Mayor of Oshawa, the Regional Chair of Durham Region and all City and Regional Councillors receive a copy of this email.

To the Mayor of Oshawa, the Regional Chair of Durham Region and all City and Regional Councillors:

Unless new arrangements have been made, the overnight warming centers in Oshawa will close on the morning of April 1, 2022. This is far too early for these centers to close. We will again have people suffering on our streets in the snow and rain.

The following is the observed weather recorded in Oshawa in April of 2021, at the Oshawa Airport. You will notice that during many days in April there was either snow or rain at some time in the day or during the night. Winds in the 60 to 80 km per hour were often recorded. **It snowed or rained 24 days out of 30 days last April.**

Even with the warming center hours extended this Winter, many times as I drive on Simcoe Street, I see homeless people huddled together, cold and wet waiting for the warming centers to open. Where are these people supposed to go when there are no places for them to sleep out of the snow and rain in April. This is Canada -- it still snows in April. Oshawa has some incredibly vulnerable people living on our streets trying to survive and we need to keep the warming centers open until the end of April, 2022.

2021 Recorded Weather

[Thurs.](#)
[Apr 1](#) Light Snow, Light Rain and Snow, Light Snow, Light Unknown Precipitation

[Sat.](#)
[Apr. 3](#) Light Rain, Mist

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[Sun., Apr. 4](#) Haze

[Tue., Apr. 6](#) Rain, Light Rain

[Fri., Apr. 9](#) Light Rain

[Sat., Apr. 10](#) Light Rain

[Sun., Apr. 11](#) Heavy Rain, Rain, Light Rain, Mist

[Mon., Apr. 12](#) Light Rain, Mist

[Tue., Apr. 13](#) Light Rain, Fog, Mist

[Wed., Apr. 14](#) Fog, Mist

[Thu., Apr. 15](#) Light Rain

[Fri., Apr. 16](#) Light Rain

[Sat., Apr. 17](#) Light Rain

[Sun., Apr. 18](#) Light Rain

[Mon., Apr. 19](#) Light Rain

[Tue., Apr. 20](#) Light Snow, Light Rain and Snow, Light Rain, Light Unknown Precipitation

[Wed., Apr. 21](#) Light Snow, Light Rain and Snow, Light Rain, Light Unknown Precipitation, Unknown Precipitation

[Thu., Apr. 22](#) Light Snow, Light Rain, Haze, Mist, Light Unknown Precipitation, Unknown Precipitation

[Sun.](#)

[Apr.](#) Light Rain, Mist
[25](#)

[Mon.](#)

[Apr.](#) Light Rain
[26](#)

[Tue.](#)

[Apr.](#) Thunderstorm in the Vicinity, Light Rain
[27](#)

[Wed.](#)

Thunderstorm in the Vicinity, Thunderstorm with Heavy Rain,
[Apr.](#) Thunderstorm with Light Rain, Thunderstorm with Rain, Heavy Rain, Rain,
[28](#) Light Rain, Mist

[Thu.](#)

[Apr.](#) Rain, Light Rain, Mist
[29](#)

[Fri.](#)

[Apr. 30](#) Light Rain

Linda Power



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dan.cozzi@municipalengineers.on.ca

March 8, 2022

Attention: Municipal Clerk

Subject: Municipal Engineers Association 2022 Bursary Awards Program

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to advise that it will be offering its 2022 Bursary Program to assist students enrolling in the first year of an engineering program at the University level for the upcoming 2022 academic year. This is the 15th consecutive year the MEA will be awarding bursaries to prospective engineering students. Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to children/dependents of all municipal employees and elected councillors. The two (2) highest scoring applications will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance valued at \$1,500 each.

The MEA is a non-profit association representing the interests of over 1,000 municipal engineers across Ontario who are employed as professional engineers at Ontario municipalities and other provincial agencies serving in the engineering/public works field. The MEA values the contribution of all municipal employees, is committed to the technical excellence of our future municipal engineers, is sensitive to serving the community and the need for effective communication skills.

Please find attached the following items:

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria
2. 2022 MEA Bursary Application form (applications can be done online).
3. Bursary Notice Flyer (1 page) that can be used to assist you in publicizing this year's bursary at your municipality.


The above items are also available for download at www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary.

We respectfully request that the Clerk's office make reasonable efforts to notify their municipal employees about the availability of the MEA's 2022 Bursary Program including the selection criteria, application process and the deadline (midnight May 13, 2022).

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the children/dependents of municipal employees to contribute to their academic studies to become engineers. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

D.M. (Dan) Cozzi, P. Eng.
Executive Director
Municipal Engineers Association

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2022 MEA BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

1. Contact Information

Student Name	
Home Address/Telephone/E-mail	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian' Municipal Employer & Job Title	
Parent/Guardian's Municipal Business Address/Telephone/E-mail	

2. Education

Please provide us with a copy of secondary school transcript and volunteer hours form.

Letters of reference are welcome.

Post-Secondary Schools applied for	
Engineering Program applied for	

3. Why have you selected an Engineering Program?

Tell us about your interest in the selected education program and why you would like to be an engineer (300-words)

4. Special Interests

Summarize any special interests you have acquired from employment, volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

5. Why should you receive this Bursary?

Summarize your interest in this bursary. Demonstrate financial need.

6. Essay Submission

Please indicate your essay topic and attach a copy of your essay to this Application (500-words).

7. Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted for this bursary, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in withdrawal of the bursary.

Student Name (printed)	
Applicant Signature / Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature / Date	

NOTE: If you have any questions, please contact: dan.cozzi@municipalengineers.on.ca



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2022 MEA Bursary Awards Program

A. Purpose

B. Eligibility

C. Application Requirements

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

A. Purpose

The MEA Bursary Program provides financial assistance to encourage secondary school students to pursue a career in engineering. Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to students enrolling into an Engineering Program at the University level. The two (s) highest scoring applications will receive the:

- *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000; and,
- *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000.

The balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

B. Eligibility

- The MEA Bursary Program is open to all children and/or dependents of current, full-time, municipal employees and elected municipal Councillors in Ontario. Full-time “part-time” employees who work at least 24 hours per week are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.
- Must be an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen.
- Student must be in the process of completing a secondary school program in Ontario and be eligible for graduation in the year of application.
- Student must have been accepted and commit to entering an undergraduate engineering program (1st year) at a Canadian University as a full-time student.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in civic organizations.
- The awards are non-renewable and non-transferable.

C. Application Requirements

- Each application (attached) will include the following:
 - Name and signature of applicant
 - name(s) and signature(s) of parent/guardian and the name of the municipality where employed;
 - Applicant’s secondary school transcript;
 - Applicant’s resume that includes details of extracurricular activities and contributions to their community;
 - Demonstration of financial need;
 - 300-word explanation of why the applicant aspires to be an engineer;
 - 500-word essay on a topic of the applicant’s choice relating to municipal engineering or public works
- Each application must include a copy of the University Admission Offer Letters and/or any other supporting documents confirming enrolment/acceptance at an Ontario University (or equivalent) and their response to enter into an undergraduate engineering program as a full-time student ***(if this is not available at the time of submission, the application can proceed, but it must be provided prior to actual award of the MEA bursary cheque).***
- Applicants are encouraged to submit their application online at www.municipalengineers.on.ca. Alternatively, applications may be submitted in PDF format and emailed to info@municipalengineers.on.ca.
- Submission deadlines for all applications will be midnight on **May 13, 2022**.

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

- All bursary applications will be reviewed/judged by the Municipal Engineers Association through its Bursary Committee and will be assessed/scored/ranked as follows:
 - Complete Application: 15 Points
 - Demonstrated Financial Need: 10 Points
 - Extra-curricular activities (sports/volunteerism, helping others): 15 Points
 - Why They Aspire to be an Engineer: 25 Points
 - Essay Component (creativity, logical, grammar/spelling): 20 Points
 - Overall Quality of Application: 15 Points
- As many as 10 applications will be awarded bursaries.
- The 2 highest ranked applications will be awarded the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance will be for \$1,500 each.
- All decisions of the Bursary Committee are final - only those receiving a bursary award will be notified.
- The monetary awards (cheques) will be forwarded to successful applicants upon the completion of the judging and only after the receipt of university confirmation of acceptance and evidence of student commitment to enter a university engineering program.

2022 MEA BURSARY AWARD PROGRAM

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Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors entering the 1st year of a university engineering program for the 2022/2023 academic year. The two (2) highest scoring application will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

Candidates must complete an application to the MEA. Please visit www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary for further details. The application deadline is midnight, May 13, 2022.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be in their final year of a secondary school program.
- Candidates must have been granted conditional acceptance at a Canadian University in an engineering program (1st year) and will be required to show proof of entering that program.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extra-curricular activities on campus and/or in civic organizations.
- As part of the application, the Municipal Engineers Association requires the student to submit a 300-word explanation on why they wish to become an engineer and a 500-word essay on an engineering-related topic.
- All applicants must be children and/or dependents of current, full-time municipal employees or elected municipal councillors in Ontario. Full time “part time” employees, who work at least 24 hours per week, are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.

For more information, contact the Municipal Engineers Association at
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March 11, 2022

The Regional Chair and Members of Council
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RE: [Kawartha Conservation's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#)

Dear Mayor Henry and Members of Council:

We are pleased to provide our Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 approved by our Board of Directors. This multi-year document outlines our strategic goals and sets a clear direction for the organization through the next five years. We have developed a new, streamlined vision and mission while staying true and consistent with the values that guide our work daily.

Our Strategic Priority areas include:

- Restore and Protect
- Engage and Inspire
- Innovate and Enhance

We thank you for your contributions in the development of our strategic plan and believe the strategic plan aligns well with our member municipalities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 215.

Yours truly,

Mark Majchrowski
Chief Administrative Officer
Encls

cc: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Walton, Clerk
T. Smith, Director, Kawartha Conservation

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If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Thursday, February 24, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Chair Lee read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississaugas Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

2. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Lee, Regional Council, Chair
F. Ahmed, Community Member, Vice-Chair
D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services
S. Bookal, Community Member, attended the meeting at 7:42 PM
S. Caibaiosai, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, attended the meeting at 7:04 PM
S. Dave, Community Member
L. Francis, Community Member
K. Garside, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, attended at 7:05 PM
T. Hancock, Community Member
J. Munawa, Community Member
Z. Pickering, Community Member
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
K. Vieneer, Community Member
G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Oyeniran, Community Member
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by K. Viener, Seconded by D. Beaton,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting
held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Presentations

A) Allison Hector-Alexander, Director – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion re: Durham Region Anti-Black Racism Pillar Report

Allison Hector-Alexander, Director – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Durham Region Anti-Black Racism Pillar Report.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Background
- Method
- Areas of Concern
 - Recruitment/HR selection
 - Hiring transparency
 - Interviews
 - Microaggressions
 - Complaint process
 - Representation in leadership roles
 - Black staff affinity group
- Recommendations
 - Leadership, Staff, Policies & Practices
 - Anti-Black Racism Organizational Change Process
 - Accountability & Sustainability
- Next Steps

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the Durham Region Anti-Black Racism Pillar Report was prepared by Keisha Facey from RFWP Consultant Services in October 2020 and provided an overview of the process and background localized

in Durham Region showing the work completed, the recommendations and how to move forward.

A. Hector-Alexander advised there were three focus groups that were held, and two sessions held: one with employees, and one with leadership and Black identifying individuals. She advised that there were four main questions asked during these sessions to help identify a method on how the strategies can be implemented. A. Hector-Alexander discussed the areas of concern that were raised during the sessions.

A. Hector-Alexander also discussed the three recommendations identified in the Pillar Report. She advised that there will be a workplace census for Durham Region employees in May 2022 and will provide information produced from the census to the Committee in the Fall of 2022. A. Hector-Alexander stated that within the DEI working group, there are six sub-committees to engage and build trust to allow employees to feel comfortable contributing to the work being done in the DEI department. A. Hector-Alexander stated that the next step is focussed on the importance of talking about Black excellence.

A. Hector-Alexander responded to questions regarding the number of employees at Durham Region, the number that are Black, and how they are dispersed throughout the Region; how the Region will be navigating in an appropriate way to approach employees and ask them how they identify; repairing and restoring relationships within the work environment as a path forward; employee assistance programs for Black employees; consulting services being used for the census; potential enforcement mechanisms for whistleblowers regarding the complaint policy; the process for sharing data from the census and how to encourage lower-tier municipalities to complete a census; and reviewing the communication plan, questions and FAQs prior to release of the census.

D. Beaton stated that Durham Region will be completing a threat risk assessment and privacy impact assessment with the vendor to ensure the data received is protected.

7. Information Items

A) Staff DEI Education

Patricia Hines, Program Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Staff DEI Education.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- DEI Education for Staff
- Anti-Black Racism Education
- Let's Talk 2021
- Let's Talk 2022
- New for 2022 – DEI Learning Path

P. Hines advised that one of the action items from the Pillar Report was ensuring that Durham Region staff receive Anti-Black Racism education. She also advised that Anti-Black Racism education began in January 2021 beginning with virtual sessions for the leadership team, followed by the roll out of eLearning for staff in April 2021.

P. Hines stated that approximately 900 employees completed an evaluation of the training at the end of the education sessions and provided an overview of the questions asked.

P. Hines discussed the Let's Talk programs offered to Durham Region employees in 2021 and the programs and events being offered for the year 2022. She advised that the events are provided through Eventbrite, and that there are also evening events being planned to allow easier access and participation to all employees.

P. Hines advised that the DEI division has begun working with Human Resources to provide a strong foundation to allow staff to build on their knowledge. She also advised that there will be training available at a foundational, intermediate, and advanced level, and staff will have to apply the information they are learning in order to move on to the next level.

P. Hines responded to questions with regards to the importance of the education and staff understanding why they are completing it; the impact and value this training has on the organization; potentially providing eLearning through instructor lead training; the format of the Let's Talk sessions; and whether there are any commitment documents associated with the learning modules.

D. Beaton stated there are specific objectives built into the performance management program and all employees are required to go through a performance management review.

B) Events: Black History Month and International Women's Day

Patricia Hines, Program Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Black History Month and International Women's Day.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Black History Month
 - Celebrating Black Achievements in Durham Region
 - Celebrating Black Achievements in Canada
- International Women's Day
 - Theme - #BreaktheBias
 - Program – March 7 at 7:00 pm
 - Month Long Celebration
- Community Connections

P. Hines advised that there were two Black History Month events and that the first was a regional public event in collaboration with several community partners with a panel discussion highlighting healthcare workers, and the second was for staff which was centered around the discussion of Celebrating Black Achievements in Canada.

P. Hines advised that Durham Region is hosting two events for International Women's Day with seven community partners. One event is for the public on March 7th at 7:00 PM and one event is for staff on March 8th at 2:00 PM.

C) Community Connections (Education)

Patricia Hines, Program Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division provided a presentation with regards to Community Connections (Education).

P. Hines advised that this is the beginning of a series of community connections to build relationships and networks with the community. She advised that the first session is being held in June 2022 and is called "Colour Blind? Why being "not racist" is not enough anymore".

8. Discussion Items

A) School Board Black History Month Activity – Shauna Bookal

Shauna Bookal, Committee Member, provided a presentation with regards to School Board Black History Month Activity.

S. Bookal stated she is a parent with the Catholic School Board and sits on the Anti-Black Racism Committee. She advised there are subcommittees set up to help with changing some of the cultures within the schools and are working on curriculum and learning; faith and expression; celebration and recognition; academic performance; talent; recruitment and advancements; and resource development.

S. Bookal discussed an incident that took place in Bowmanville on February 11th regarding an assignment given to the students.

S. Bookal stated that the school board committee has put together different ideas and proposals to share with the school board and that the work being done by the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce can enhance information being presented to the school board.

S. Bookal responded to questions with regards to when Black history is being taught within the school curriculum; and introducing the concept of critical race theory to intermediate students.

B) DRART Priorities, Timelines, and Sub-Working Groups

Allison Hector-Alexander, Director – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to DRART Priorities, Timelines, and Sub-Working Groups.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- DRART 2022 Work Plan – Project Areas
- Create an Anti-Racism Practices Standard for a variety of sectors in Durham (living document that provides direction)
- Improve racism education in schools
- Anti-Racism education of Durham Region staff
- Provide recommendations to improve existing processes/procedures
- Embed equity into hiring process
- Develop supports for racialized seniors

A. Hector-Alexander thanked committee members for completing a survey to identify the priority areas and discussed creating a workplan from the identified priority areas and timelines.

A. Hector-Alexander asked Committee members to think about the working groups they would like to become part of to further advance the goals identified.

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the top priority area identified was the anti-racism practices standard; Racism education in schools and online Durham Anti-Racism Hub were tied for second; Anti-Racism Education for Durham Region staff in fourth; and a three-way tie for improving existing processes/procedures, equity in hiring processes and supports for racialized seniors.

A. Hector-Alexander discussed the potential activities for creating an anti-racism practices standard for a variety of sectors in Durham and having it available on the Region's website and providing it to other municipalities.

Discussion ensued between Committee members regarding the timelines for completing projects from the committee priorities.

A. Hector-Alexander advised she would share the presentation with Committee members and asked members to advise which areas they would be interested in working on as part of a subcommittee by March 10th.

9. Other Business

A) Ajax Anti-Black Racism Task Force and Ajax Council Unveils Artwork

Chair Lee invited Committee members to attend the unveiling of artwork 'Decades to Come' at Ajax Town Hall by artist Robert Small on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by P.G. Case, Seconded by T. Hancock,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lee, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk